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WEEKS DAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.25	5.45
Yanmat ...Dep.	6.49	8.14	9.19	10.09	12.09	1.24	2.44	3.09	4.34	5.54
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	8.26	9.31	10.21	12.21	1.36	2.56	3.21	4.46	6.06
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	8.40	9.45	10.35	12.35	1.50	3.10	3.35	5.00	6.20
Taipei Market Dep.	7.20	8.45	9.50	10.40	12.40	1.55	3.15	3.40	5.05	6.25
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	10.50	12.50	2.05	3.25	3.50	5.15	6.35
Shungshui ...Dep.	7.35	9.00	10.05	10.55	12.55	2.10	3.30	3.55	5.20	6.40
Shunghui ...Dep.	7.41	9.06	10.11	11.01	13.01	2.16	3.36	4.01	5.26	6.46
Canton ...Arr.	11.50	5.38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Canton ...Dep.	7.18	8.06	9.10	11.09	12.27	1.38	2.58	3.23	4.48	6.08
Shungshui ...Dep.	7.25	8.13	9.17	11.16	12.34	1.45	3.05	3.30	4.55	6.15
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.18	9.22	11.21	12.39	1.50	3.10	3.35	5.00	6.20
Taipei Market Dep.	7.40	8.28	9.32	11.31	12.49	2.00	3.20	3.45	5.10	6.30
Taipei ...Dep.	7.44	8.31	9.35	11.34	12.52	2.04	3.24	3.49	5.14	6.34
Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	9.48	11.47	13.05	2.17	3.37	3.62	5.27	6.47
Yanmat ...Dep.	8.11	8.58	10.02	12.01	13.19	2.31	3.51	4.16	5.41	7.01
Kowloon ...Arr.	3.17	9.02	11.31	11.49	12.57	5.57	5.28	6.46	7.04	7.29

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.25	5.45
Yanmat ...Dep.	6.49	8.14	9.19	10.09	12.09	1.24	2.44	3.09	4.34	5.54
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WAR CONDITIONS AND TRADE.

HOW INTER-PROVINCIAL TRADE HAS BEEN HAMPERED.

INTERESTING VIEWS FROM KASHING.

KASHING, Dec. 4th.
To a casual visitor, the city would seem normal, to the long time resident there is not enough spontaneous and unrestrained noise, writes a North China Daily News correspondent. This is partly due to less shop-door trade and fewer passing boats. There is less hilarity in the tea-houses and fewer loud orders shouted in the eating houses. Numerous hotels have runners at railway and boat-landings, but guests are so eagerly solicited, that they may take choice of the best instead of meekly drifting into the worst accommodation. Fewer foreign, but more Chinese commercial travellers are now to be seen, keen for business.

A prominent member of the former Chamber of Commerce (disbanded by official order) in discussing the situation said in substance "War conditions have seriously hampered inter-provincial commerce, as well as foreign trade. As examples, young pigs could not be brought from the north in springtime to fatten in the south during the summer for the winter market. Consequently, fresh pork is scarce and exorbitant in price. Again salt-fish from Chinese coast provinces have not been available. This has driven merchants to get supplies from Japanese sources. As China is not able to absorb profitably all of her silk, the filatures are taking interest in producing what foreign markets demand. Unfortunately, the quality is not always satisfactory to export and export. With proper management, China could immensely increase her silk output and silver intake.

Labour Agitation.

While Kashing is not yet a large industrial centre, employers and employees have been circumscribed by Labour Unions. By accident, one of these came under my observation. It was practically an order for a certain type of workers to assemble. In an interview with a labour contractor, he said that there had been a tendency to make unreasonable demands, but as work was not abundant, labourers themselves became more moderate. In order to get employment. An order from the Kashing Government to impress and send forward 200 coolies has made the people in adjacent small towns quite anxious.

Political Procedure.

Our former District Assembly has been displaced by a District Council of seven appointed to consult with the local Magistrate. This District Council reports to the Provincial Council of nine at Hanchow, which in turn reports to the National Council at Nanking. The nomenclature in official circles has changed so much that it is not easy to follow exactly the sphere and function of the men in power. One of the gentry, formerly very active in local affairs, remarked that all the older men have been set aside, and young men now take the lead.

In my travels through the country towns and villages, I met with no hostility of any sort. Old friends as well as new acquaintances were cordial. The desire of the people generally is for peace, with opportunity to carry on their usual occupations. Both excitement and depression seem passing. Recuperation is making headway.

TRADE MARKS IN CHINA.

Referring to trade marks, Mr. H. H. Fox, C.M.G., F.R.C.S., and Mr. H. J. Brett, in their joint report on the trade situation in China, state that the new law has not yet been made binding on British subjects by means of a King's regulation, but the delay is of no great consequence, as British owners are freely registering their marks under the new law, and it is unlikely that our courts will be called upon for some time to come to deal with infringements by British subjects. The marks registered and applications found to be in order in 1926 numbered 4,305 and 2,768 respectively. The British share was by far the largest being 1,730 and 977. The special facilities for registering a mark under article 4 of the law have been extended to the end of this year.

NON-INTERVENTION IN CHINA.

A POLICY OF HOPELESSNESS.

PROF. SOOTHILL'S VIEWS.

Professor W. E. Soothill, Professor of Chinese at Oxford University, and formerly president of the Imperial University of Shansi, was the guest of the Oxford Luncheon Club on November 11th, and in the course of his speech described non-intervention in China as a policy of hopelessness.

He said that Great Britain had the best of goodwill for China, and had done more for the welfare of its people than all the Nationalists put together. He had so old and unshakable an affection for his many Chinese friends that his confidence in the future was unshaken by transient agitators. They would perish. The common-sense, good-natured Chinese would remain. Having no aggressive designs, why could not England and America bring their united wisdom and experience to bear on China? China awaited sterling friendship. Even the war lords were open to a patriotic appeal, and the best Nationalists were sick with grief, with disappointment, and with patriotic desire. Neither war lord nor Nationalist was likely to succeed without the other.

The question was how to bring them together. Non-intervention was not enough. That was the spirit of the Pharisees and the harbingers of their new explosive ideas, and with them of the revolution and its subsequent chaos, ought not to shirk the consequences. They had the further great responsibility of aiding China to obtain peace.

WHAT IS IT?

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CHINA RESERVISTS AND THEIR XMAS DINNERS.

In the House of Commons on Nov. 15th Mr. Robinson (Elland, Lab.) asked the Secretary of State for War whether all the Reservists called up for service in China would be returned to Britain in time to see their families; and, if not, what Reservists would remain in the China Defence Force after Christmas, 1927.

Sir L. Worthington-Evans: All Section A Reservists, other than those detained by sickness or other unforeseen causes, will have left China before Christmas, but I am not sure whether those sailing in the last ship will reach their homes by Christmas.

Mr. Macquistan (Argyll, U.): Is it not the fact that the cost of the article which gives the greatest enjoyment at Christmas and the New Year is just half in Shanghai of what it is in Great Britain? (Loud laughter.) There was no reply.

INDIA INDIGNANT.

U.S. TARIFF WAR ON HER MAGNESTITE.

A strong protest is being made here against the proposal of the United States Government to raise the import duty on magnesite from 14 to 21 dollars (from \$2 18s. 4d. to \$4 7s. 8d.) after December 10th.

Exporters declare that the duty will kill the Madras industry and throw 3,000 people out of employment. The Government and the Chamber of Commerce are taking action.

Magnesite is a mineral found extensively at Salem, near Madras, and in California; United States. It is used chiefly for the making of bricks to line steel furnaces, for plaster, tiles, and artificial stone, for whitening wood pulp for paper, and in the manufacture of paint. When shown the above message an official of the India Office said to a Daily Mail reporter: "We have had no intimation of this protest as yet. Madras and California are clearly great rivals for the magnesite trade, and it would appear that the American Government is putting on the increased duty under its anti-dumping law to protect its own magnesite trade."

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Bankruptcy Court, 10.30 a.m.
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning.
Fanning Hunt: Meet Sheung Shui Police Station, 2.45 p.m.
Yachting: Challenge Cups race for racing yachts.
Lawn Bowls: Official closing and distribution of prizes, Taikeo Bowling Green Club, 3 p.m.
Cricket League:—Division I.: Chinese R.C. v. C.S.C.C.; University v. R.A.C.C.; I.R.C. "B" v. Craigengower C.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. I.R.C. "A"; Division II.: C.S.C.C. 2nd XI v. University 2nd XI; H.K. Electric Co. v. Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI; Police R.C. v. Royal Navy.

Friendly Cricket: H.K.C.C. v. Club de Recreio.
H.K. Football League:—Division I.: Chinese Ath. v. Air Force; Kowloon v. Club; Recreio v. South China; Scots Guards v. Police.
Division II. "A": Kowloon v. Recreio; South China "A" v. Club; University v. K.O.S.B.; Chinese Ath. v. Royal Artillery; St. Joseph's v. South China "B"; Division II. "B": South China "A" v. St. Joseph's; Chinese Ath. v. Kowloon; South China "B" v. Moslems; Kung Woo v. Scouts.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dances, 8 p.m.
H.K. Philharmonic Society present their final performance of "Merrie England", Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse".
World Theatre: "Beware of Widows".
Star Theatre: "It's the Old Army Game".

Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., etc. (President Garfield). Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Rakozski Maru), 9.30 a.m.; Canada, America, etc., and Europe via Victoria, B.C. (Achilles), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Szechuen), 5 p.m.

Sunday.

4th Sunday in Advent.
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning.
Final of Royal H.K. Golf Club Championship, 1st Round of Hong Foursomes, Kowloon Golf Club.
Fanning Hunt: Drag Hunt, meet at Lokmatshau, 10.30 a.m.
Cricket: I.R.C. v. H.K. Electric Co., 2 p.m.
Yachting: Cruisers 3rd Championship Race.
Military Gymkhana, Kwantai, 3 p.m.
Football: H.K. University v. Staff of Government Civil Hospital, Pokfulam, 4.15 p.m.
Theosophical Society Lecture, Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 6 p.m.
Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.—Men's Meeting, 7.45 p.m.
After dinner dance at Lee Gardens.
Queen's Theatre: "Good and Naughty".
World Theatre: "Three Miles Up" and "Shoulder Arms".
Star Theatre: "The Limited Mail".

Monday.
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning.
Yachting: Ladies' 4th Championship Race.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Debate: "That young men and women to-day are less serious than they were 25 years ago" at St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, 8.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Good and Naughty".
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Tuesday.

Settlement Day, H.K. Stock Exchange.
Kowloon Junior School Prize Distribution by Mrs. Cook at the School, Gun Club Hall, Kowloon, 10.30 a.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Hockey: Club 2nd XI v. H.K.S.R.A., Marina Ground, 5 p.m.
Peak School prize giving, by Lady Clements, Peak Club, 5.15 p.m.
Cinema Entertainment, Club Lusitano, 8.30 p.m.

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The very word "barge" is a symbol of unselfishness and ugliness, and London's sailing barges are fine, shapely seagoing craft with the trimness and handiness of yachts.

The Thames barge is the direct descendant of the boys and "billiboys" of the eighteenth century, and an evolution of the old "hatch boats" of the London river. In the drawings of 1832 we see her with the Dutch influence clearly marked in her overhanging shovel-shaped bow, which gave her the name of a "swimhead" barge, in her mainsail set on a "sprit" and her leeboards. Only one or two of this early type with "swim" head are afloat now, and they are Medway barges.

At Home In Every Creek.

By the 'sixties the spritsail barge had nearly reached perfection and was almost identical with that of to-day. When the early tea clippers were arriving off Gravesend with the first tea of the season, "a hundred and two days out of Hong Kong," when collier brig, naval frigates, and barque-rigged paddle-steamers were anchored in Gallions Reach, and the first of the "penny steamers," with white chequered sides and absurdly tall black funnels, were fussing from pier to pier, the Thames barges would be spreading their brown sails to the westerly wind, just as you see them now below the Pool.

Although they belong mostly to London or Rochester, there is not a creek in the whole of the Thames and estuary between the Forth and Orfordness into which the Thames barge does not find its way. Whether she is sitting upright on the mud far up some narrow ditch in the heart of Essex, loading hay from carts that come alongside, or threading her way through some shallow swatchway between two sandbanks in the estuary, sailing where deeper craft fear to go, she is entirely at home. The sands, dread graveyards of many a fine ship, are her friends. She rides out gales at anchor under their lee, or even sits on their rounded backs as safe as a church!

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She is the largest sailing vessel in the world which is regularly handled by one man and a boy, or sometimes by a man and his wife! One hundred and twenty tons is the average size of a spritsail barge. Eighty feet long by eighteen feet beam are her measurements, and with her flat bottom when "light" she floats in three feet of water. When loaded and with her leeboards down to prevent her sagging bodily to leeward, she draws fourteen feet.

An average yacht of these measurements would have six "hands" to work her, irrespective of the skipper and steward. It is only the wonderful labour-saving "tackle" aboard the barge that enables her to be handled in all weather by two men alone. The heavy "mainsail" is never lowered, but is "brailed" against the mast, just as a stage curtain is bunched up to the wings and the topmast stays aloft, being worked from the deck. These sails are dressed with linseed oil and red ochre, which protects them from mildew and gives them that rich tan colour that is such a delight to the eye.

There are endless other clever devices for easy handling, not the least being the method for lowering the great mast and sixty-foot sprit for passing under a bridge. On these occasions, or for working up a narrow creek to a quay, a third hand called a "huffer" is taken aboard.

One of the finest sights on the lower reaches of the Thames is that of a dozen of these vessels taking up Sea Reach against a strong westerly wind in the after-glow of a fiery sunset—their shapely hulls and beautifully curved sails making them appear more like yachts than commercial vessels.

Jovial Skipper.

The skipper of a spritsail barge is brought up in a particularly hard school. Working a 150-ton barge with decks swash down "sniv" against a strong snow-laden "nor" and a steep sea in winter needs pluck and endurance and a wonderful knowledge of the shoals to be avoided.

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MURDER HEARD BY
PHONE.SHOTS, A THUD, AND
A MOAN.DWARF AND A "U" BOAT
COMMANDER.

New York. Mr. Peter Olde, a lawyer, while talking over the long-distance telephone with a client, Mr. Herbert Meisterknecht, heard an odd click. The voice of his client stopped. A moment later two shots rang through the telephone. A thud and a gurgling moan reached the lawyer's ears.

He immediately telephoned to the owner of an ironmonger's shop, about 100 yards from his client's factory at High Lands, New Jersey. The ironmonger rushed to the factory. It was luncheon hour and all the employees were out.

He paid no attention to a dwarf-like man in a blue suit who, running past him, sprang into a motor-car and drove away. Inside the factory the ironmonger found Mr. Meisterknecht, with the telephone receiver clutched in his hand, dead on the floor. One bullet had perforated the brain and five other bullets had entered the body.

Widow Arrested.

A neighbour recognised the dwarf as the dead man's brother, in-law who a few days ago accused Mr. Meisterknecht of being a bigamist. The police have arrested Mrs. Meisterknecht on suspicion of being privy to the murder, but they have no trace of the whereabouts of her dwarf brother.

The murdered man posed as a former officer of the United States Navy, but it is believed that during the war he was a submarine commander in the German Navy. He had recently perfected an invention for measuring petrol used by motor-cars.

PROFITS OF THE B.A.T.

OVER SIX MILLION
STERLING.

A cable received from the London agents of Messrs. Benjamin and Potts state that B.A.T. Company's net profit for the year was £3,354,000, and that a final dividend of 1/8d. per share is being declared.

The amount to be carried forward is £2,319,000.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, December 15th.

Paris	124
Brussels	34.90
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Berlin	20.44
Copenhagen	18.20
Venna	34.59 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Lisbon	27 1/16
Bucharest	79 1/2
Buenos Aires	97 1/2
Shanghai	1/10.23/32
Yokohama	4.88.11/32
New York	25.28
Geneva	89.15/16
Milan	18.08
Stockholm	18.34 1/2
Oslo	16 1/2
Prague	29.28
Madrid	36 1/2
Athens	5.29/32
Rio	1/6.3/32
Bombay	2/0.3/8
Hong Kong	2 1/2
Silver (spot)	26 1/2
Silver (forward)	26.9/16

WHY YOU HAVE INDIGES-
TION.

HOW TO RELIEVE IT.

When food enters your stomach, large quantities of acid-bearing gastric juice are at once secreted. If too much gastric juice is secreted, the food soon becomes a sour, fermenting mass, which may remain in the stomach several hours, causing great pain and distress. Instant relief can be obtained in cases of this kind by taking "Bismarck" Magnesia powder or tablets immediately after eating or whenever pain is felt. This safely, surely, and quickly neutralizes the excess acid, stops the fermentation, soothes and heals the inflamed stomach lining, and at once restores painless, normal digestion. Get a package of "Bismarck" Magnesia from your chemist to-day. Use as directed, and you can laugh at digestive troubles.

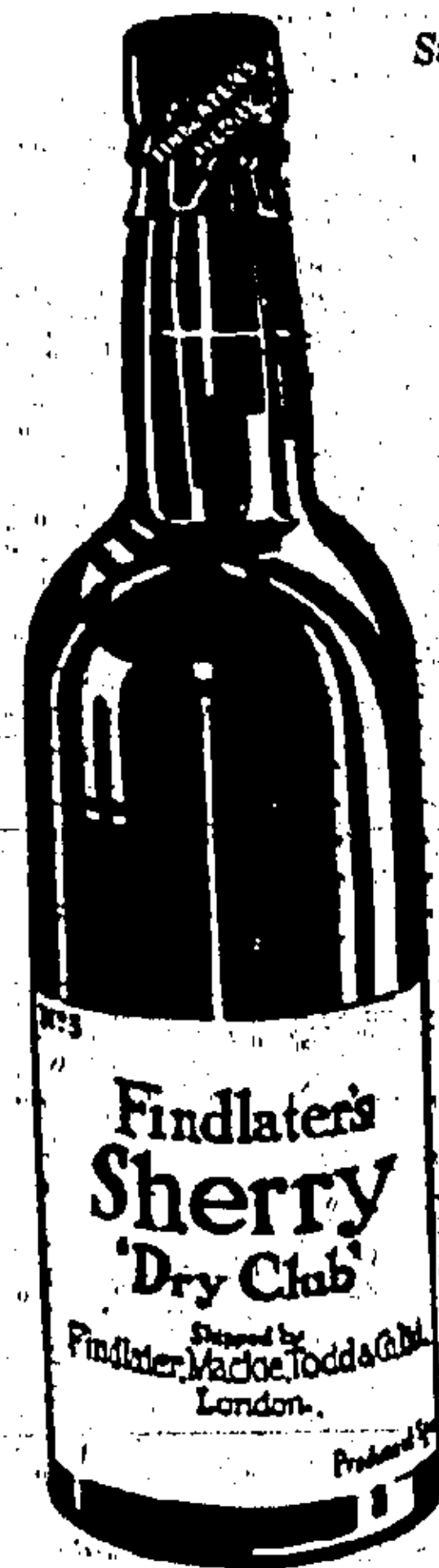
Far from being the blasphemous bully as he is generally painted, the barge is almost invariably a good-natured man who takes a pride in keeping his vessel clean and smart, and never fails in the intricate courtesy of the river.

It is said that he makes the best seaman because it is far more difficult to work a barge with only a mate aboard in sandstrewn waters like the Thames estuary than, say, a full-rigged ship across the ocean. Those "disgraced" persons who deride the "lost art of seamanship" of the present day should study the sailing barges of the London river—and their cheerful skippers.

Maurice Griffiths in Exchange.

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

HONG KONG HOTEL.

SATURDAY, 24th December, 1927.—ART SMITH AND GRATER MUSIC—CHRISTMAS EVE CARNIVAL.
MONDAY, 26th December, 1927. SPECIAL DINNER DANCE.
SATURDAY, 31st December, 1927. SPECIAL DINNER DANCE.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

MONDAY, 26th December, 1927.

SATURDAY, 31st December, 1927.



BOXING NIGHT CARNIVAL

NEW YEAR'S EVE CARNIVAL

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Do.	\$1.150 nom.
Chartered Bank	\$2.121 buy.
Merchants Bank A. & P.	\$2.121 nom.
Do.	\$2.121 nom.
P. & O. Bank	\$2.121 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$2.121 nom.
Canton Insurance	\$2.121 buy.
North China Ins.	\$2.121 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	\$2.121 buy.
China Fire Insurance	\$2.121 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$2.121 buy.
Do.	\$2.121 buy.
H.K. Trugs	\$2.121 buy.
Indo-China (Prof.)	\$2.121 buy.
Do.	\$2.121 buy.
Shell Transport	\$2.121 buy.

Waterworks	\$17 buy.
Benguet	\$37 buy.
Kailash Mining Ad.	\$60 nom.
Langkate (combined)	\$18 buy.
Do. (single)	\$18 buy.
S'hat Explorations	\$23 buy.
Do.	\$23 buy.
Shanghai Loans	\$18 buy.
Do.	\$18 buy.
Tromoh Mines	\$17 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$31 buy.
China Providents	\$34 buy.
Hongkong	\$18 buy.
New Engineering	\$18 buy.
Shanghai Docks	\$18 buy.
Do.	\$18 buy.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	\$18 buy.
Do.	\$18 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$18 buy.
H.K. Lands	\$18 buy.
Shanghai Lands	\$18 buy.
Humphreys Estate	\$18 buy.
Hong Kong Realities	\$18 buy.
H.K. Territorials	\$18 buy.
H.K. Tramways	\$18 buy.
Peak Tram (old)	\$18 buy.
Do.	\$18 buy.
Star Ferries	\$18 buy.

China Lights (comb.)	\$18.40 buy.
Do. (old)	\$18.40 buy.
Do. (new)	\$18.40 buy.
H.K. Electric	\$18 buy.
Macao Electric	\$18 buy.
Telephone	\$18 buy.
China Buses	\$18 buy.
Singapore Tractors	\$18 buy.
China Sugars	\$18 buy.
Malayan Sugars	\$18 buy.
Canton Ice	\$18 buy.
Cementa (combined)	\$18 buy.
Do.	\$18 buy.
Do. (old)	\$18 buy.
H.K. Ropes (old)	\$18 buy.
Do. (new)	\$18 buy.
United Alabaster	\$18 buy.
Dairy Farms	\$18 buy.
Watsons	\$18 buy.
Der A Wings	\$18 buy.
Lana Crawford	\$18 buy.
MacIntosh	\$18 buy.
Sinocera	\$18 buy.
Wm. Powells	\$18 buy.
H.K. Amusement	\$18 buy.
H.K. Constructions	\$18 buy.
H.K. India, S. Bonds	\$18 buy.
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ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

LOOKING FOR FLAWS IN AN ORDINANCE.

A SOLICITOR'S SEARCH.

[By NOTE-BOOK.]

Apart from legal arguments that seemed to be elevating a Shaikwan boatman almost to the status of the Captain of an ocean-going liner and jettling down something more about the "Tiger Balm" label case, "Note-Book" had an uneventful day in the Courts yesterday.

IMPORTING DUTYABLE WINE.

An interesting legal point was raised by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios at the Central Magistracy yesterday in defending a boatman charged with importing 23 jars of dutiable wine into the Colony.

At a previous hearing the defendant was charged with possession of the wine, and it was then established that the owner of the junk on which the wine was brought down from Macao was a woman living at Shaikwan.

Mr. Remedios argued that before the defendant could be held to have committed an offence it had to be proved that he attempted to land the wine without a permit. The defendant was only an employee of the owner, and he was in the same position as the Captain of a ship which brought dutiable goods into the Colony. As long as there was an owner ashore it was the duty of the owner to obtain a permit to land the cargo, and in the present case the defendant had not allowed any part of the cargo to leave his control. No attempt had been made to land the goods without a permit, and therefore there was no unlawful importation of the goods within the meaning of the Ordinance.

The Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) remarked that the point was certainly a novel one and Mr. Remedios appeared to have discovered a loophole in the Ordinance. His Worship adjourned the case until Tuesday morning next for consideration of the point raised.

GUNBOAT COOK TURNS TRIEF.

A Chinese cook employed on board H.M.S. "Stormcloud" was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with the theft of a silver watch, a fountain pen, and a silver watch chain, the property of two sailors. The charge being admitted, defendant was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour on each of the two counts.

SEDITIONARY LITERATURE.

Six men and a woman were charged before the Kowloon Magistrate with possession of seditious literature. The evidence showed that ninety-eight pamphlets were seized in the house occupied by these people. It was stated that when the police raid was carried out, the inmates tried to get rid of the papers by throwing them away, while one of the men was noticed to be stuffing some of it into a drain pipe. The case was adjourned until next Friday for the documents to be translated.

INFRINGING A TRADE LABEL.

The case in which a Chinese firm of medicine vendors are charged with infringing the "Tiger Balm" mark of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., was further heard by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy when Mr. E. Davidson appeared for the defence.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong, for the complainants, told the Magistrate that only a part of the undertaking by the defendants to withdraw the advertisements and to get back the goods bearing the labels had been carried out. In the circumstances he asked for a conviction.

Mr. Davidson thought that the prosecution had no right to impose conditions of that kind. He said that his clients had done everything to withdraw the advertisement, but were only able to do so in six cases. In the seventh case the newspaper refused to remove the advertisement as the advertiser was the owner of the goods in Singapore. On the question of the withdrawal of the goods from the market, Mr. Davidson said that when Mr. Owen gave the undertaking it was not expected that his clients would go about buying back the goods at retail prices, and at the same time face possible claims for damages.

The statement for the defence amounted to a plea of "not guilty," and further hearing of the case was fixed for December 23rd.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of subscribers and adherents of the Union Church, Kowloon, was held on Thursday evening, the Rev. J. Horace Johnston (Pastor) presiding.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. Chapman) presented the annual report, whilst the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. D. F. Warren) submitted the financial statement.

In subsequent proceedings, the speakers included the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, the Rev. Mr. Short and Mr. Ingram. It was decided to call a meeting for the purpose of considering the inauguration of a Women's Auxiliary Guild.

Mr. Chapman and Mr. Warren were re-elected as Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively, whilst a large and influential Committee was appointed.

Later, tea was served, and solos rendered by Mr. Chapman and Mr. Provan.

WANTED TO CHEAT SOMEONE.

A Chinese was up before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon for attempting to pawn as pure gold a bangle which was half gold and half silver.

When asked if he had anything to say the defendant replied "I knew it was not pure gold, but someone cheated me, so I wanted to cheat someone back."

He was found guilty of attempting to obtain money by false pretences and fined \$100, or two months' hard labour.

GLOOMY FOREBODINGS IN SHANGHAI.

THE RISING RED TIDE.

A SERIOUS WARNING; DANGER OF UNPREPAREDNESS.

Commenting upon the recent appeal by the Shanghai Municipal Authorities for public support against the professional agitators and gunmen, the N.C. Daily News says: "We do not have to dwell upon the repeated warnings that we have given of an unprecedented plague of terrorism. This statement from the authorities that public support is needed and will be appreciated ought to be sufficient corroboration of our gloomy forebodings for the most indifferent sceptic in this community. The manifestations of the Red campaign here and elsewhere may not have increased greatly in number nor have they been any more spectacular, but both the authorities and the employers of labour testify that the atmosphere is becoming tenser from day to day, while we know that intimidation is being pushed with an energy that has never been apparent before."

Again we find from the employers, through loyal workmen and secret channels of information, that, as usual, there is not a single spontaneous labour movement in this community nor one based upon what the employees really consider to be grievances. The tram strike, we know beyond all cavil, is the product of terrorism and nothing else, and there is no difficulty in eliciting from any group of strikers, whom one can isolate from spies and agitators the confession that they want to go to work on the old terms, and the information that their much advertised club was simply a Communist organ financed for purposes of agitation. We have had something to say before about the indifference of the local Chinese authorities to the development of a Red rising, which is bound to react upon the peace and prosperity of the suburbs under Chinese control as well as upon the foreign communities. We are now in possession of clues which seem to indicate clearly that within the "Nationalist" fold, the same Cantonese element which has seized administrative authority in Canton, in co-operation with the agents of the U.S.S.R., is actively supporting Red endeavour here and is, in the case of the tram strike for instance, using all its influence on

the Communist side to intimidate the men who went to resume work.

While some attempt is being made to hold the Kuomintang together and the moderates are afraid of completely alienating the left-wing Cantonese by calling them to account, the lesser authorities responsible for the peace and order of the outlying districts, who ought to be co-operating with the Settlement and French police but are not, must of necessity be in a perplexed and ineffectual state of mind when brought face to face with criminal disorder that appears to be patronized by persons high up in the Kuomintang hierarchy. This uncertainty, for instance, accounts for the impatience with which strikers, led by businesslike Red hirelings, are now systematically destroying all the semi-permanent advertising of several foreign firms outside the Settlement and the French Concession.

Although we have had virtually no public support in our suggestion that the re-erection of the barbed wire barriers and the re-institution of the curfew were first essentials in preparation for the trouble that is most certainly coming, the idea is endorsed privately by every foreign employer of Chinese labour who has had reason to study the situation. No one, of course, wants to take the initiative in publicly advocating these measures. All would rather face the prospect of a general strike, accompanied by an epidemic of murder and arson and a complete stoppage of trade, than risk the loss of some petty Chinese business connection. The most inconsequential and absurd objections have, moreover, been raised against the campaign for ejecting the Soviet Consulate, which we all know is the storm centre, from the Settlement. Under such conditions, which never fail to precede a crisis in this community, so that the Settlement may be caught in a state of perfect unpreparedness and incidents may occur that will give the Reds fresh propaganda material, we are inclined to think that it will be a very wholesome thing for us if the full fury of a Red terror breaks upon us when we are napping and exacts a tax on sluggish indifference which will never be forgotten."

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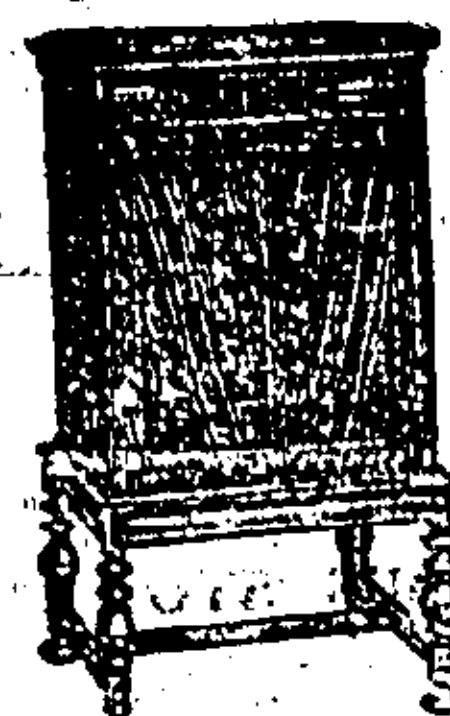
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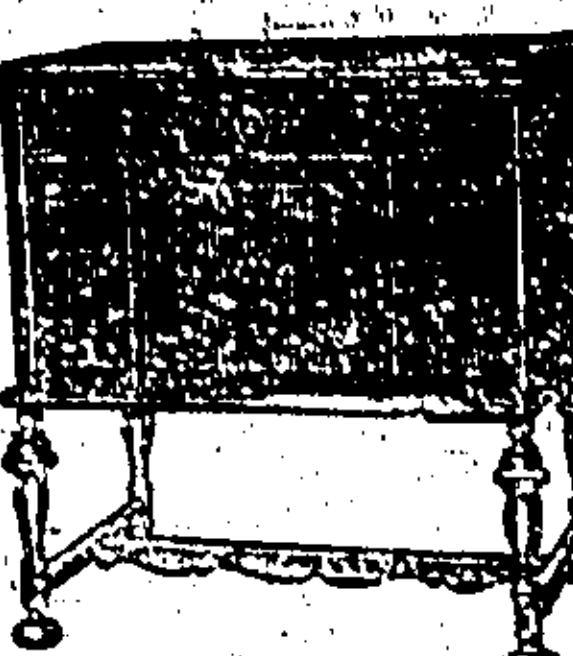
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Persons under 16 years of age	\$0.10	0.05
Non-Commissioned Officers and Men belonging to Army, Navy, Police and Fire Brigade in Uniform	0.05	0.02
Special Ferry 1.00 a.m.	0.20	0.10
Boat of 100 Tickets—Adults only	6.00	4 Copper Cents
Monthly Tickets—Single		
(Persons under 16 years of age)	2.00	1.00
Family (3 Persons)	9.00	4.50
Children under 3 years of age	Free	Free

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. ORAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 14th December, 1927.

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RUSSIANS PUBLICLY EXECUTED.

CASUALTIES ESTIMATED AT 2,000.

CANTON SLOWLY RETURNING TO NORMAL.

The following telegram was received from Canton yesterday:—

Yesterday five more Russians who had been implicated in the Communist uprising after being paraded through the streets were publicly executed. The Russian Consul-General and family and staff have all been arrested, and the Consulate was searched for documents and a number seized.

The military leaders in control of Canton are Chang Fat Fai, Wong Kei Cheung and Li Fook Lam. They express the strongest resentment at the Russian share in the uprising and suggest the closing of the Consulate.

A tour of the city shows that very extensive damage has been done, the destruction of complete streets being involved. All those suspected of helping the Communists have been ruthlessly dealt with. 2,000 are said to have been killed and a search for others is still in hand. The streets are littered with corpses.

SIR ROBERT HO TUNG ON RELIEF MEASURES.

Sir Robert Ho Tung spoke yesterday, at a meeting of the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce on the recent events in Canton.

Sir Robert remarked that the catastrophe which had visited Canton was not an act of Nature of the kind which could not be prevented by human power and vigilance. It was a misfortune and suffering created by men themselves. It was the militarists and the politicians who had invited the "Reds" to Canton and they must be held responsible for the horrible situation created.

He hoped that the merchants in Canton and Hong Kong should call the attention of the Authorities in Canton to this truth. While heartily favouring relief measures on the part of the Hong Kong merchants, he was of opinion that the Authorities in Canton should be made to understand that they should provide the greater part required for relief. What was contributed and Hong Kong should be regarded as supplementary to what the Authorities were expected to do. It was the duty of the Canton Authorities, said Sir Robert, to provide without delay a large sum for relief. Considering what they had spent in the past for wars, which had done the country no good they were in a position to provide what was necessary.

DAZED CHINESE SIGHT-SEERS.

[FROM A SHAMZEE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, December 15th.

Things are slowly returning to normal and hundreds of dazed looking Chinese may be seen wandering about the streets and staring aghast at the havoc of 50 hours. Shops are beginning to open, motors to return and rickshaws to ply for hire. Some hundred motor cars are among property destroyed. Dead bodies are still to be seen in the streets but they are being carried away, seven or eight in a cart.

Everyone has been greatly startled by the shooting of Russians and the raid on the Consulate, but they are thoroughly behind this action of the Government. Anti-Russian feeling is very bitter.

MERCHANTS AND LANDLORDS RUINED.

Many merchants and landlords are ruined and this China New Year will be the worst ever experienced. They played with fire and got badly burnt. Let us hope that this great and ancient city will soon revive and her merchants by their enterprise and industry regain their old glamour.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

It is notified that as from Tuesday next, the express train formerly leaving Kowloon at 3 p.m. will depart at 2.15 p.m., arriving at Canton at 6.03 p.m.

The following week-day trains have been cancelled:—Leaving Kowloon at 2.35 p.m.; and leaving Shum Chun at 8.46 p.m.

ON THE BORDER.

At Sai Chuen, near Canton, on Thursday morning, at eight o'clock, fighting started between "Reds" and loyalist troops. The fighting lasted for about one hour, the "Reds" being defeated and dispersed.

The "Reds" started four big fires at Sai Chuen, which blazed for several hours.

There was considerable excitement and alarm among villages at Shum Chun on Thursday, when a number of "Red" stragglers appeared. Later in the day the express train from Canton brought a number of Nationalist troops to the scene.

STATEMENT BY GENERAL LI FOOK LAM.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

General Li Fook Lam, officer commanding the 5th Army Corps in Canton, has issued a statement relative to the recent "Red" coup in Canton. He says that he and his colleagues in Canton will be able to control the situation and that he will oppose any outside invasion under the pretext that Canton is "Red."

GENERALS LI AND CHEN.

Late reports from Shanghai indicate that General Li is expected to return south during the next few days. In the meantime, General Ming Shu, who is co-operating with General Li Tsai Hsin in the Kwangtung-Kwangsi war, has arrived at Swatow, on his way to Canton city.

In addition to the districts of Hoifung and Luklung which the "Reds" have taken, they are now terrorizing the districts of Fanyun and Tsingyun on the North River Section. They comprise the Peasants' Corps. They are now being attacked by the People's Volunteers who have wired to Canton for help.

Canton is still rounding up "Red" suspects, and a large number of students have been arrested.

The "Reds," since being driven off from Canton, have been widely scattered, and some of them have entered the villages and towns in Bo On District bordering the New Territory.

General Li Tsai Hsin, has sent Generals Ho Chun Fan and others to Southern Kwangtung to regain control of those districts. They will act with General Wong Shiu Hung, who is to invade Canton city from Wuchow and General Chen Ming Shu, who is to return to Canton with troops from Swatow.

CANTON ADMINISTRATION.

Pending the reorganization of the Canton Administration General Li Fook Lam will act as Chairman of the Political and Military Council. Although General Chang Fat Fai and Mr. Chen Kung Pok have been dismissed from office, they are being asked by General Li to remain in Canton to assist him for the time being.

More Russians Arrested.

General Chu Fai Yat, ex-Commissioner of Police of Canton, was expected at Hong Kong last night.

In addition to the five Russians shot in Canton in connection with the "Red" uprising, two others were arrested yesterday, as they were about to leave for Hong Kong.

The market of Taikek, in the Namhoi District, was destroyed by "Reds" on December 14th-15th.

HOUSES BURNED BY "REDS."

The official figures of houses burned during the "Red" uprising has been put at 1,700.

IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

THE ONLY HOPE OF PEACE.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN RIVAL GROUPS.

REPORTS REGARDING CHIANG KAI SHEK.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Unless the quarrel between rival militarists and politicians in the Kuomintang over the control of Canton is settled soon, Canton may have to suffer another catastrophe worse than the one wrought by the "Reds," who are themselves talking of further invasion. The influential leaders of the "terrorists" are said to have withdrawn for the time being only and the several hundred shot in Canton, it is freely stated, did not represent those really guilty.

General Chiang Kai Shek, it is feared, will re-establish himself and his group in Canton. It is said that he will recommend the postponement of the Northern Expedition in order to put what is called Nationalist Territory in order first. It is being suggested that General Ho Ying Ching, the most loyal follower of General Chiang, will be withdrawn from the Northern command so that he may again participate in the warfare, if necessary, in Kwangtung.

Should Generals Pei Tsung Hsi, Li Chung Jen, Li Tsai Hsin, Wong Shiu Hung, and others of the Kwangsi group submit to General Chiang as commander-in-chief, there will be less trouble; but in case they say, "No!" it will be a race of pro-Chiang and pro-Li troops to Canton. General Chang Fat Fai and General Wong Kie Cheung have openly declared their adherence to General Chiang. General Chiang is soliciting the aid of the Shanghai Chinese Navy in regaining control of Canton.

With these two groups hoping to occupy the City, in addition to the "Reds" whose spirit is not by any means dead, the position in Canton will remain critical for some days to come.

Canton has closed the Soviet Consulate and outwardly the City is quiet, the last trace of the "Red" elements having been removed from the outskirts by the raids on suspected places at Fongtsuen, Fati, Saichuen, and villages around the White Cloud Mountain. Several hundreds of alleged "Reds" were caught in these sections alone during the last two or three days.

Wherever the Kuomintang is found the "Reds" have penetrated. They are attached to the clubs, labour unions, and peasants' leagues and volunteer corps organized by agents of this once very strong party in South China, and until the Kuomintang organisations have thoroughly purged themselves of their extremist element, the "Red" menace will be ever present.

As already announced the Military Authorities have invited the leading organisations in the City to participate in the work of reconstruction and relief, and a joint committee of officials and residents has been formed, but the Authorities have so far contributed but \$100,000 towards relief work, which is considered most inadequate even at this preliminary stage.

All leading government offices have resumed business, and the joint publication of daily newspapers was resumed on Thursday. Regular newspapers may not be issued until early next week owing to the absence of printers.

AMERICAN'S DEATH IN SHANGHAI.

DUE TO BULLET WOUNDS.

BODY FOUND IN CHINESE TERRITORY.

OPEN VERDICT AT THE INQUEST.

A verdict of death from two bullet wounds inflicted by a person or persons unknown was given by a Coroner's jury in the U.S. Court for China at the inquest over Fred. R. Stuart, the American, whose body was found on December 8th, in Kungping Road, Shanghai.

Detective Sub-Inspector J. Knight said he had been told by a Chinese that a dead foreigner was lying in the road. The Chinese guided him to a spot about 500 yards north-west of Kungping Road, in Chinese territory, where several hundred Chinese were gazing at the prostrate body, and a few foreigners. Deceased was lying on a public path, clothed in a grey suit, no hat, no boots, and no overcoat. Inspector Knight returned to the police station and notified Supt. Burnside, who made the necessary arrangements for removing the body to the Public Mortuary.

Dr. William K. Nance, who performed a post-mortem examination, said there were two wounds in the abdomen and one in the back, on the left side, the latter wound representing the point of exit of one of the bullets. The wounds causing death might have been made either while deceased was prostrate on the ground or while he was sitting in a ricksha.

An account of what the deceased had been doing on Thursday afternoon previous to his death was given by Eugene Joseph Hickey, who testified to bring a "pal" and "side-kick" of the victim. He had known deceased since about 1912, in the Philippines and in Shanghai. Witness resided at 5, New Yalu Road, where deceased had often come and where in fact he had spent all of Thursday afternoon, arriving at shortly past two and leaving just before midnight. Besides deceased and witness, Mrs. Stuart and Mrs. Hickey were present. They had a few drinks of Chinese wine. Deceased and witness lay down on the bed, after having Chinese "chow" and sending Mrs. Stuart and Mrs. Hickey to the cinema. When the latter returned, witness had a faint recollection that she sent Stuart home with some coppers for his ricksha money.

Witness testified that the deceased had left the house with his shoes on and a new hat, but no overcoat. He had been a well-liked man amongst foreigners and, as far as witness knew, had no Chinese enemies, but was always inclined to be friendly with Chinese. He had been a construction man. He had lived in Williams Hotel until a few days before his death. Witness thought he had no money.

Mrs. Mary Stuart, widow of deceased, said she and her husband recently moved to 3, Nanking Terrace, off Seward Road. Thursday, December 8th, when she left the Hickey's house, was the last time she saw her husband alive. The next time she saw him was when she viewed the body in the undertakers' establishment. She testified further as to his clothes worn at the time of his murder and the fact that he had returned to Shanghai on November 17th after having taken some prisoners to the United States for the U.S. Marshal.

Mrs. Mammie Hickey testified to having known deceased about five years, and told about the afternoon in question on the lines already described.

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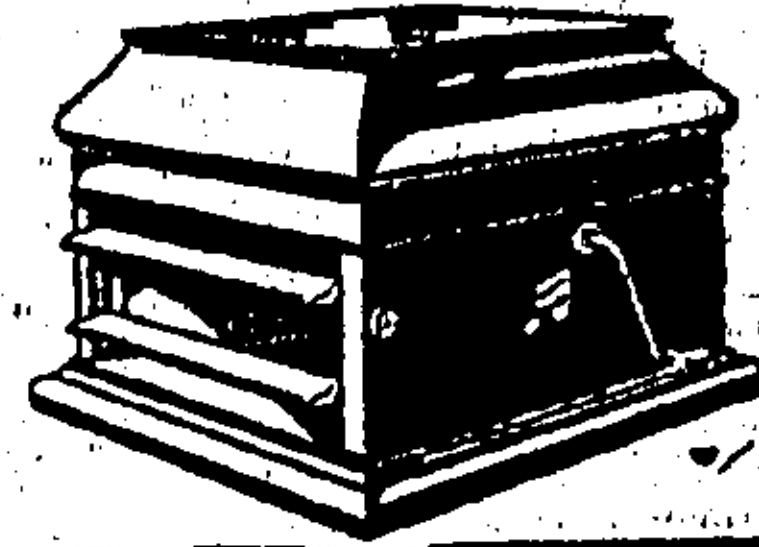
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R. T. GIBB, Engineer Commander, British Naval Office, H.B.M. Consulate, SHANGHAI.

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 17th, 1927.

THE WILL TO PEACE.

A GREAT deal of discussion on disarmament has been aroused in England since Sir WILLIAM ROBERTSON recently declared in a public speech that war is a "wholly detestable thing." He was Chief of the Imperial General Staff during the Great War, and therefore, at the head of the British military organization. He has been a soldier for fifty years, and has risen from the lowest to the highest position that a soldier can hold. He served in four campaigns in three continents, and the considered opinion of a man of his eminence is there, for impressive. What Sir WILLIAM ROBERTSON has in mind is the altered character of warfare since the days when it was possible to think of war as possessing some of the attributes of glory. The physical prowess of men fighting in the open and performing astonishing deeds of valour under conditions that could be seen has inspired much of the greatest literature in the world.

But war has changed not merely in degree but in kind. It is entirely different from anything that was known in the past. It makes a new demand on the troops engaged, and it also requires a different sort of courage. A feat of heroism as spectacular as the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava is inconceivable. The day of the cavalryman has passed. The soldier of these days of "scientific" warfare gets all the danger without any of the incidental excitement. He is a cog in a mighty military machine; like a man trying to do a job in a factory where the foundations may subside or the roof fall in at any moment and the machinery has a fearful tendency to explode—the whole complicated by sporadic escapes of poisonous gas.

The new kind of courage required is of a quality that nobody believes in his heart he ought to be asked to display. In the ordinary way no soldier worthy of the name will submit to be called a coward, but there are any normal man who need feel ashamed of being frightened by the appalling horrors of warfare as manifested between 1914 and 1918. In days of old a veteran was so-called because he had learned to resist the sense of fear which might assail those without his experience. Now a soldier of experience is often one who has had his resistance to fear weakened by the perils to which he has grown accustomed. Instead of becoming hardened against danger he is more likely to become a nervous wreck. The veteran is, therefore, in many cases of less value than an untried man.

Sir WILLIAM ROBERTSON'S pronouncement has very properly attracted attention. When professional soldiers of his standing speak on military questions civilians should pay heed. But it is desirable, all the same, to consider the subject dispassionately in all its bearings. There is nothing worse than muddled thinking. Because "War is Hell," as General SHEARMAN declared after the American Civil War, it must not be supposed that it is our bounden duty to disarm in haste as pacifists are prone to counsel. Some of them are, indeed, going to the extreme of saying that if Britain led the way other nations would follow.

But would they? When SAMSON was shown of his strength and fell into the hands of the Philistines they mocked him and showed him no mercy. It is true now as heretofore that the best guarantee of peace is to be prepared for war. The truth is that Great Britain, which in this connotation means the British Commonwealth of Nations, occupies a unique position. While willing to go to reasonable lengths to prevent war—knowing that it is indeed a "wholly detestable thing"—Britain may be trusted to maintain the armed forces of the Crown at a strength which is equal to any demands that may be made upon them in any part of the world.

There will be a sitting of the Bankruptcy Court this morning, at 10.30.

One Portuguese case of diphtheria was notified to the authorities during the 24 hours ended December 15th.

While in the act of hauling an awning on a cargo boat, the rope broke and the awning fell on the man. The result was a broken leg.

Bombardier Greenfield, R.A., was bitten by a terrier dog on Thursday. The animal was seized and sent to the observation depot at Mataukok.

A seizure of 80 lbs. of raw opium has been made by the police on board the s.s. *Pooking*, lying at the Kowloon Godowns. No arrests were made in connection with the seizure.

Among the passengers arriving in Hong Kong yesterday by the s.s. *Hakowiki Maru* from Shanghai was Rear-Admiral H. H. Hough, of the U.S. Navy, who has recently relinquished his command on the Yangtze.

Col. Sir James Burnett, who recently relinquished command of an infantry brigade of the Shanghai Defence Force, has arrived at Crathes Castle, Kincardineshire, where he and Lady Burnett will remain until January.

The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society give their final performance of "Merrie England," at the Theatre Royal to-night. The performance begins at nine o'clock prompt. The last chance to see an excellent show, well worth a second visit.

An engagement is announced between the Rev. W. G. Burgess, B.A., M.C., vicar of Cheddleton, and Mrs. Harris, of Basford Hall, Leek, widow of Mr. F. C. Harris, I.M.C., of China, and daughter of Mrs. Deans, of Riccarton, Christchurch, New Zealand.

The following appointments to Hong Kong were made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies during the month ended September 30th:—Miss D. S. Smith and Miss M. B. Watts, Assistant Mistress; Miss S. H. Andrews and Miss D. Robinson, Nursing Sisters.

The theft of a diamond ring valued at \$350 from her residence at Kowloon City has been reported to the police by Mrs. Reynolds. In another report a case of *ginseng* valued at \$7,000 was believed to have been stolen while discharging cargo from the s.s. *Kanchow*.

Among the passengers leaving yesterday afternoon on the s.s. *Changle* for Australia, via Manila and ports, were the following:—Mr. E. L. Stainfield, of the Supreme Court, Mr. T. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Manning, Mr. H. R. Everett, Miss M. T. Hughes, Capt. and Mrs. T. W. Pickard, Mr. W. C. Walker, Mr. C. H. Bryant, Mr. Donald Quirk and Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth.

A party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Augustus John on November 5th, in honour of the return of their sailor son, Caspar, from the China Station. Dancing commenced at tea time and the party did not break up till three in the morning. Augustus John himself was dancing away merrily most of the time, while his son seemed to be quite as much at home in a studio as in a battleship.

Commenting upon the dinner and reception given by Sir Ely Kadoorie to King Feisal of Iraq in London, a *Daily Express* correspondent remarks that Sir Ely's house in Prince's-gate is not quite the palace that he has built at Shanghai, but for a man who can receive 1,500 people with ease in his Chinese home, any London house must seem small. King Feisal visited the submarine depot at Portsmouth on November 9th, and had lunch with Rear-Admiral H. E. Grace, Rear-Admiral of Submarines, who will be remembered as Commodore at Hong Kong.

At the evening service on Sunday at Union Church, Kennedy Road, Christmas music will be rendered, including some of the standard solos from Handel's Messiah. The items promised include "O Thou That Tellest," Mrs. G. Watt; "But Who May Abide," Mrs. H. Glover; "He Shall Feed His Flock," Mrs. Watt; "Come Unto Me," Mrs. Bowes Smith. The band of the K.O.S.B. will play from 5.15 p.m. in addition to leading the hymns and giving the voluntaries. Mr. W. H. Fitzcarrle, A.R.M.C., conducting. The soloists will be accompanied on the organ by Mr. G. E. Longyear.

Probably the most interesting of the freshers at Oxford, writes Evelyn Irons in the *Daily Mail*, is Mom Chao Noy Kityakara, a cousin of the young King of Siam. Her delicate olive skin, almond eyes, and heavy black fringe are most attractive, and she has the reputation of being the smallest woman in Siam. She is certainly the smallest in Somerville. She studies medieval history, and dabbles in the dots with questions on the elements of European religion. Her father, the Prince of Chandaburi, was at Balliol, and she is now a thorough Oxonian, appreciating everything from English clothes to England weather.

The Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal has been awarded to Sergt. G. W. Martin, D.C.M., North China Command, Shanghai. Sergt. Martin, it will be remembered, saved Nina Cavill, who threw herself into the Whangpoo River in an attempt at suicide at Shanghai on June 1st. Martin jumped in from the bank, and after struggling in 70 to 80 yards reached the woman, and, in spite of her struggles, succeeded in bringing her to a steam launch near the jetty, when she was got on board in an unconscious state. The water was 30ft. to 35ft. deep, and there was a very swift current and dangerous undertow.

AWAITING DEATH?

25 "REDS" GOING BACK TO CANTON.

A SPECIAL ESCORT.

At Police Headquarters there are at present about 25 identified "Reds," out of nearly 300 suspected adherents to the Communist "cause," awaiting certain death. They are now spending their comparatively last few hours on this earth, for within a short space of time they will be in Canton, and facing an execution squad.

With the assistance of Canton detectives, who have been sent down here since the outbreak at Canton, this particular group of men, one of whom was a boy on the *Sai On*, have been identified as prominent "Red" leaders and adherents. They are being sent back, it is learned, to-day to Canton under the guard of a specially selected force of police and detectives from Canton and Hong Kong. The reason for every precaution being taken is that they are considered dangerous characters. Some of them have openly admitted they are Communists, and there is no doubt that when they reach Canton they will either face one of Li Fook Lam's firing parties or lose their heads.

The remaining suspects will be sent back to Canton within the next day or two.

Another Outbreak?

The reason given for the very large number of passengers arriving on the river steamers yesterday from Canton is that they are coming here as a haven of refuge, because it is feared that there will be a "Red" reaction in Canton.

The City is still described as being littered with dead bodies, and the loyalists are continuing their comb-out of communists and suspected persons.

TO BE CHARGED TO-DAY.

RECENT SHOOTING RECALLED.

CHINESE TO FACE CAPITAL CHARGE.

Yesterday one of the Chinese robbers identified with the recent shooting affray, in which Police Sergt. McMahon was wounded and a Chinese and Indian constable were shot, was discharged from the Government Civil Hospital. This morning he is to be charged at the Central Magistracy, it is understood, with the murder of the two Chinese police officers, who succumbed to their wounds at the Government Civil Hospital.

Two of the alleged robbers are in custody of the police. The first man is charged with armed robbery, shooting at the police, and also has other counts against him.

Sergt. McMahon is progressing favourably.

THE AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL DINNER DANCE.

The annual dinner dance of the Hong Kong Automobile Association was held last night at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden. This is, as has been stated before, only the second dinner dance given by the A.A., but there is no doubt that the event has come to stay.

Everyone enjoyed the proceedings, which were left as free and informal as possible. The Roof Garden looked charming, its coloured lights forming an admirable setting to a pretty scene.

Commander Hartford, R.N. (Retired) President of the Association, submitted a review of the year's work, and also welcomed the guests.

On behalf of the Guests, Captain-Superintendent E. D. C. Wolf, felicitously responded.

RELIEF MEASURES.

HONG KONG HELP TO BE ORGANISED.

CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DISCUSSION.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce met in general committee yesterday afternoon to consider the question of relief measures at Canton.

Mr. Li Yau Tsun, Chairman of the Chamber, presided, supported by Mr. Li Yick Mui, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Chang Pak Yu, acting secretary in the absence of Mr. Ip Lan Chuan, General Secretary of the Chamber who was in Canton investigating conditions on behalf of the Committee.

Communications from Chan Lim Pak, past President of the General Chamber of Commerce in Canton, General Ngai Bong Ping, formerly Commissioner of Canton Police, and others, asking for relief on behalf of the sufferers having been read, the Chairman remarked that the disaster had been the worst ever seen in this part of the world and that the Hong Kong Authorities would raise no objection to the Chamber taking action for relief. He having consulted the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs on this matter last Wednesday.

Before the appointment of a relief committee was made, Mr. Ho Lu, a member of the Committee, expressed the hope that the Chinese merchants in Canton and Hong Kong would do something finally to rid Kwangtung of all "Reds." Unless this was done, he thought that relief work from similar cause would be many times repeated. He suggested the formation of merchants volunteer defence corps and the like.

The Chairman agreed with Mr. Ho but ruled that the object of the meeting that day was to undertake immediate relief work and that other action must be left to some future occasion.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, who has not taken active interest in the business of the Chamber for some time, was present and said a few words to the same effect which were roundly applauded. His speech appears on page 5 under our Canton news.

Mr. Ho Kwong and others were surprised at the delay of the officers of the Chamber in calling the meeting as the matter was one of emergency and the highest importance.

Mr. Ho Wing of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, also said that he was astonished, on being informed that the Chairman had at first hesitated to take any action with regard to relief because sanction had not been received from the proper authorities.

Committee Appointed.

After some discussion, a committee was appointed to take charge of the matter. It consists of the following:—Messrs. Ho Lu, Sum Pak Ming, Chan Pak Chuan, Ho Kwong, Tang Shiu Kin, Chao Chiu Fan, Wong Ping Suan, Tong Yat Chuan, Chau Yu Ting, and Leung Pat Yu.

The meeting was attended by practically all the leading Chinese merchants in Hong Kong, and among those present besides those already mentioned were Messrs. Ma Tui Chiu, Ma Wing Chan, Gork Chiu, Loui Yam Suan, Lee Shing Kui, Au Lim Chuen, and others.

It is hoped that the meeting on Monday or Tuesday will receive the report of the committee of investigation and announce what is to be done by the Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Tung Wah Hospital, the 24 Districts Commercial Guilds and others.

WEATHER REPORT.

The report issued by the Royal Observatory at 11.10 a.m. yesterday was: The anti-cyclone is central to the north of the Yangtze. Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the Coast of China and over the China Sea. Forecast: Easterly winds, fresh, cloudy, some rain.

Yesterday evening's report, issued at 5.15 o'clock, stated:—The anti-cyclone has increased in intensity and fresh monsoon will prevail along the coast and over the China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy.

THE STRUGGLE IN THE NORTH.

SEVERE FIGHTING ON TIEN-TSIN-PUKOW AND LUNGHAI RAILWAYS.

MARTIAL LAW IN SHANGHAI NATIVE CITY.

(Waik Tat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15th.

Both the Southern and the Kuomintang troops have simultaneously launched general attacks on the Shantung-Chihli railways. Severe fighting is going on at several points of the Tientsin-Pukow and Lunghai Railways.

On realizing that the Shantung-Chihli troops, who had suffered considerably in many engagements with the Southern and Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's recently, would not be competent to resist further assaults from their enemies, Marshal Chang Tso Lin is reported to have ordered General Wu Chun Sing, the Tupan of Heilungkiang, to lead his troops to Shantung in order to strengthen the Fengtienese position.

Yesterday the Shanghai Precautionary Headquarters despatched a body of troops to search the printing works of the Commercial Press, in which Communist pamphlets were discovered. Twelve suspects were arrested.

Mr. Wang Ching Wei has wired to Chang Fat Fai and Li Fuk Lam advising them to patch up all differences and pay allegiance to Marshal Chiang Kai Shek.

Owing to the anti-Red wave in the Chinese community of Shanghai, the Russian Consulate is seriously threatened. Consequently, the Shanghai Municipal authority has despatched an armed guard to protect the Russian Consulate premises.

On receiving information that the Communists planned a mob uprising in Shanghai, the Precautionary Headquarters in the native city declared strict martial law.

HOW SUN CHUAN FANG SAVED HSUCHOWFU.

ARRIVAL IN THE NICK OF TIME.

DEFEAT OF THE "CHRISTIAN" GENERAL.

Northern papers to hand give graphic details of the recent defeat of Feng Yu Hsiang. Once again the redoubtable Sun Chuan Fang re-appeared with a new army, gathered no one knows how, and in this case rescued Chang Tsung Chang from a very tight corner. This is a great set back to Feng whose star has for months been steadily in the ascendant.

Peking, Dec. 9th. Independent reports from Chinese and British sources state that Hsuehchowfu is still held by the Northern forces although it has more than once been on the point of capitulation.

The foreign messages state that when Marshal Chang Tsung Chang, was in a critical position, attacked from both the west and the south, Marshal Sun Chuan Fang turned up unexpectedly from the region of Tientsin, devastated the Nationalist right flank and enabled Marshal Chang Tsung Chang to throw the whole weight of his forces, successfully, against the Kuomintang.

Reports reaching here from the front state that the Chihli-Shantung combined forces at Hsuehchowfu on the night of December 8th counter-attacked General Feng Yu Hsiang's forces which launched a furious attack on Hsuehchowfu, and defeated the latter after a severe engagement. In this battle Feng's forces suffered heavy losses and deserted a large number of arms and a quantity of provisions. The strength of Feng's forces, which participated in this battle was more than ten divisions. Probably owing to the news of the victory, the Shantung Provincial Bank note issue has somewhat rallied.—Toko.

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HANKOW "REDS."

ROUND-UP OF RUSSIANS.

EARLY MORNING SCENES.

MARCHED OFF IN NIGHT ATTIRE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, December 16th.

Hankow awoke with intense excitement this morning when it was found that the ex-Russian and ex-German Concessions were occupied by Chinese troops carrying a systematic house to house search by Communists.

The Soviet Consulate received first attention. All the Russian and Chinese occupants were arrested while all the other houses and dancing cabarets occupied by Russians were then visited.

The round-up was carried out in a thorough manner and it is estimated that every Communist or suspect was captured.

Early rising foreigners witnessed Russians of both sexes marched off in their night attire, in some cases barefooted and roped. The women were hysterical and in one case a terrified girl jumped out of a second-storey window and was severely injured.

It is possible that there were a number of innocent persons unavoidably arrested, as the Russian community is very large.

It is expected that those innocent will later be released.

A number of the arrested were detained at the Police Station in the ex-Russian Concession, while it is believed that those from the Consulate were taken to military headquarters.

It is expected that all the latter will be deported.

The Chinese troops retired from the concessions at 9 o'clock.

CHINESE NATIONALISTS AND THE SOVIET. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS SEVERED.

NOTICES SERVED AT SHANGHAI.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 16th.

The Southern Chinese Nationalist Party yesterday issued a mandate severing relations with the Soviet, alleging responsibility of their agents for the recent Canton outbreak.

Notices were served on members of the Soviet Consulated Trade Commission and Bank to leave Shanghai by next Wednesday and a similar action was taken at Hankow, Canton and elsewhere.

SHANGHAI TRAMWAY STRIKE.

SERVICE STILL SUSPENDED.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15th.

The tramway strike situation remains the same, though the threats of the intimidators have not further materialised at present.

LABOUR TROUBLE ON THE YANGTZE.

A brief Naval Wireless message received by the local authorities yesterday states that labour trouble has broken out at Kiukiang and Wuhu. No details of the matter are given.

Three Thousand Prisoners.

TSINAN, Dec. 8th.

General Feng Yu Hsiang's forces in the region of the Lunghai Railway have been repulsed by the Northern, and strategical points in the region of Chihli-Shantung fell into the hands of the Northern.

In the battle around Hsuehchowfu, the Chihli-Shantung forces captured three guns, 24 small guns, and about 3,000 rifles. The Chihli-Shantung forces also took some 3,000 prisoners.

The Chihli-Shantung forces have reached Tanshan in pursuit of the Feng's troops.—Toko.

Victory Confirmed.

PEKING, Dec. 9th.

Judging from various reports reaching here from the south, it seems certain that the Chihli-Shantung combined forces at Hsuehchowfu inflicted a heavy loss on Feng's forces in the recent battle around Hsuehchowfu, and have repulsed them to the region of Tanshan.—Toko.

PEKING AND ITS BONDHOLDERS.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

BONDS CALLED IN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, December 16th.

The Finance Minister has issued a notice to the holders of 98,000,000 bonds, that they must hand them in to the Loans Department of the Ministry of Finance, where they will be exchanged for new ones of the same denomination.

"No charge will be made for the exchange of the bonds, except the cost of printing, which will be thirty cents for every new thousand dollar bond, fifteen cents for every hundred dollar bond and five cents for every ten dollar bond."

The period of exchange is from January 10th, till June 30th, 1928, after which no exchange will be made.

WHITE NILE BRIDGE.

GREAT BRITISH ENGINEERING FEAT.

LINKING THE SUDAN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 15th.

The White Nile Bridge, which forms a last link in the water, light and transport scheme undertaken by the British in the Sudan, is practically complete and will be opened by Sir John Maffey, Governor-General of the Sudan, on January 18th.

The bridge has been built in six months less than contract. It has a total length with approach embankments of 3,428 feet and carries a road 39 feet wide. 4,000 tons of steel have been used in its erection.

THE TRANSYLVANIAN RIOTS.

STRANGE INCIDENT MENTIONED IN COMMONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15th.

A question was asked in the House of Commons whether, during the anti-Semitic riots at Oradea Mare, in Transylvania, an American citizen, named Captain Keller attempted to protect from insult at the hands of rioters the Union Jack, which had been hoisted by a Jew in a vain attempt to protect his premises, and whether Captain Keller was beaten and stabbed.

Mr. Locker Lampson replied: "I have received telegraphic reports of riots from His Majesty's Ministers at Budapest and Bucharest. The official Rumanian account states that some students removed a Union Jack from premises on which it was flying and paraded it together with the Rumanian flag in a procession acclaiming Great Britain as a friendly country. An American citizen named Keller was wounded, apparently while endeavouring to prevent the rioters from entering the premises of the Young Men's Christian Association and I understand that the United States Minister at Bucharest is making representation to the Rumanian Government on the matter. The incident is, however, being thoroughly investigated both by the British Minister at Bucharest and the Rumanian Government and I propose to await further reports."

NEW CRUISER COMING.

VERY HEAVY ARMAMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 15th.

The new 10,000-ton cruiser Cumberland, which was commissioned a week ago, has hoisted its pennant at Chatham and is proceeding to China early in the New Year.

The vessel is commanded by Captain A. L. Snagge and cost £1,905,000 to build. She has a speed of 31 knots, and carries four 4-inch and four three-pounder guns in addition to her eight 8-inch guns.

FRANCO-ITALIAN RELATIONS.

MUSCOLINI'S OLIVE BRANCH.

CLEMENCY TOWARDS OFFENDERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, Dec. 15th.

Signor Mussolini, in reporting to the Cabinet as regards Franco-Italian relations in the light of the Franco-Yugoslav and Italo-Albanian Treaties, said he believed that a cordial and durable understanding with France was not only possible and desirable but necessary. The regular diplomatic representatives would shortly examine these problems which were neither grave nor insoluble. A logical sequence would be a meeting of the responsible Ministers of both countries to set the seal on an agreement.

Referring to the domestic situation, Signor Mussolini dwelt on the innocuousness of the surviving anti-Fascist remnants and the tranquillity of the country. He said that 250 out of the 600 persons confined on islands would shortly be released. He had ordered the release of all those guilty of offences against himself.

GERMANS WANT ANOTHER LOAN.

TO BE FLOATED IN AMERICA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Dec. 15th.

The Director-General of the German State Railway is negotiating with the Agent-General of Reparations for payment regarding the flotation in America of a \$100,000,000 loan for development purposes, and also to meet the heavy additional increase in the salaries of State Officials, including railwaymen, which cannot be met out of current railway revenue. The loan will probably take the form of preference shares.

MOTOR-CAR ENDURANCE RECORD.

MR. and MRS. VICTOR BRUCE OFF AGAIN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15th.

After repairs to their car, necessitated by yesterday's accident, the Hon. Victor and Mrs. Bruce restarted at Monthery this morning, in their attempt at record breaking in a ten days' endurance test.

The 15 hours lost time will lower their average but as they had gained 25 hours advance on the full 15,000 mile record they are still ten hours ahead.

PREMIUM BONDS.

QUESTION IN COMMONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15th.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was asked in the House of Commons to consider the advisability of issuing premium bonds as a means of raising revenue, and said that no proposal could escape examination, but it did not follow that any such proposal would survive.

BRITISH DIPLOMATIC CHANGE.

NEW MINISTER TO LATVIA.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15th.

Mr. Joseph Addison, C.M.G., Counsellor of the British Embassy at Berlin, has been appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Riga, Rova and Kovno.

PARLIAMENTARY RECESS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15th.

The Premier has announced that Parliament will be prorogued on Thursday next and that the new session will begin on February 7th.

IRISH FREE STATE GOVERNORSHIP.

MR. "TIM" HEALY RESIGNING.

MR. JAMES MCNEILL TO SUCCEED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 15th.

It is officially announced in Dublin that Mr. James McNeill, the Free State High Commissioner in London, will shortly succeed Mr. Tim Healy as Governor-General of the Irish Free State.

HUGE AGRICULTURAL CORPORATION.

PROPOSAL BY SENATOR BORAH.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15th.

Senator Borah introduced into the Senate a Bill providing for the creation of a Federal Agricultural Corporation with a capital of 1,000 million dollars. He proposed that the Board of Directors be composed of the "Secretary of Agriculture and eight others appointed by President Coolidge, one of whom will be the Managing Director with a salary of \$25,000 a year. The others to receive \$20,000.

R.A.F. FLIGHT.

NOW AT BOMBAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBAY, Dec. 15th.

The four Royal Air Force flying boats, which are proceeding to the Far East, have arrived here from Karachi.

DUCHESS OF YORK.

INSPECTS HER REGIMENT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15th.

H.R.H. the Duchess of York made her first inspection of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, of which she was appointed Colonel-in-Chief last August at Aldershot.

The weather was bitterly cold and the Duchess was anxious that the men should be dismissed at the earliest possible moment.

Later Her Royal Highness lunch-dined with the officers.

HEALTH OF EASTERN PORTS.

BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 10th.

Plague.

5 cases at Rangoon.
1 case at Madras (1 fatal).

Cholera.

55 cases at Calcutta.
1 case at Madras.
1 case at Bangkok.
2 cases at Rangoon.
6 cases at Tuticorin.

Small-pox.

1 case at Aden.
2 cases at Basrah (1 death).
11 cases at Calcutta and 6 deaths.
15 cases at Madras and 1 death.
1 case at Rangoon.
1 case at Sourabaya.
3 cases at Bandjermasin.

SMUGGLING IN AMERICA.

A FINE OF \$11,400.

New York.

A fine of \$57,000 (\$11,400), the largest so far recorded for this offence, has been imposed on a wealthy widow of a St. Louis brewer and her two daughters for failing to "declare" a quantity of clothing and jewellery when passing through the Customs. It appears that the widow, who is 85 years of age, was permitted to pass the Customs without going through account of her advanced years, and was removed from the boat in a bathchair. The exemption from scrutiny did not hold good for the daughters, in whose luggage various "undeclared" articles were discovered. The authorities, it now transpires, were put on the alert by a Chicago lady, who had returned from Europe a few weeks previously. Her motives in so doing are unknown, but were doubtless fortified by the consideration of \$14,000 (\$2,800) which will be her reward for the information. The fine for the contraband was paid, and the three ladies from St. Louis recovered their property.—Reuter.

THE REVISED PRAYER BOOK.

REJECTED BY THE COMMONS.

WHAT THE DIVISION LIST REVEALED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 15th.

The House of Commons, contrary to all expectations rejected the revised Prayer Book which cannot now be presented to the King for the Royal Assent, although Mr. Stanley Baldwin recommended its adoption.

The Premier pointed out that all members must vote in accordance with their own consciences. He dreaded, if the measure were rejected that disestablishment would become a big political issue, and he did not think that the church would survive the disputes which would inevitably again break out. He was of opinion that rejection would deprive the leaders of the church of their authority and leave chaos more rampant than ever.

The cheering which was aroused by Mr. Stanley Baldwin's speech was equalled when Sir William Joynson-Hicks opposed the new Book which he said involved a change of doctrine. He attacked the hierarchy, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, who was present in the Gallery throughout the "eight-hours" debate.

The result of the vote was greeted with the wildest enthusiasm.

The Next Step.

The next step in connection with the Prayer Book will be that the measure will be returned to the Church Assembly, who will reconsider it and may present it to Parliament in an amended form.

FURTHER DETAILS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 15th.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. C. W. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, moved that the revised Prayer Book measure which was yesterday adopted by the House of Lords, be presented to the King for the Royal Assent. He said he was very conscious he had no claim whatever to speak as a theologian or as an authority on doctrine or liturgy. He thought he had been entrusted with this task because he did not belong to any church assembly and had never been a member of the House of Laymen and merely represented a simple specimen of the ordinary churchman who was deeply attached to his church. He held that it was not only wisdom but to the benefit of the church that the measure should be passed. He described the revised book as being the result of years of careful research and investigation.

Seventeenth Century Conditions. The Church to-day was working under conditions which were fitted for 1662 and therefore obviously they were unfitted in many respects for the present time. The revised book was the result of many concessions to different sections to try and arrive at the largest amount of common ground which was regarded as necessary in the way of improvement. The supporters of the measure were the mass of moderate men and women and their appeal should not fall on deaf ears. The young generation were looking for more life in their church services and less formality. He urged that, because Christianity and the forms of worship should be in harmony with modern thought and modern requirements.

Home Secretary's Opposition.

The Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, in moving the rejection, expressed approval of 85 per cent. of the new book and said that one would like to see many of the changes proposed, but the real trouble was in regard to the service of Holy Communion and the proposed reservation of the sacrament. They were asked to go back to medieval times.

Result of The Vote.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 15th.

In the House of Commons the Prayer Book Measure was defeated by 247 votes to 205.

The Division List.

The Division List of the House of Commons on the Prayer Book is interesting as showing how party lines were obliterated.

Supporters of the measure included Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Hugh Cecil, Sir Samuel Hoare, Mr. Ormsby Gore, Col. John Buchan and the Labourites, Mr. Sidney Webb, Mr. Lansbury, Mr. Petiph Lawrence and Comdr. Kenworthy; Liberals, Sir William Edge; Independent, Mr. Austin Hopkinson.

Opponents of the measure included: Sir T. Inskip, Mr. Joynson Hicks, Sir Reginald Hall, Lady Astor, Mrs. Hilton-Phillips, Labourites, Mr. J. H. Thomas, Col. Wedgwood, Mr. Thurtle, Miss Lawrence; Liberals, Mr. Lloyd George and Sir John Simon.

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THE GERMAN STEEL INDUSTRY DISPUTE.

WHAT THE OFFICIAL ARBITRATOR INSISTS UPON.

AN EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, December 16th.

The decision of the official arbitrator in the iron and steel industry dispute insists upon the introduction of an eight-hour day and three shifts at the Thomas Steelworks by January 1st, but provisionally grants exceptions in other kinds of steel works, which, however, must introduce an eight-hour day during the course of 1928.

The arbitrator declared that an all-round wage increase is impracticable since an eight-hour day will further burden the industry. He considers that a 2 per cent. increase upon existing wages will be appropriate.

HOME SECRETARY ON SOCIALIST MANNERS.

"DICTATION TO THE GOVERNMENT."

Reference to a recent Socialist uproar in the House of Commons was made by the Right Hon. Neville Chamberlain, M.P., Minister of Health, speaking at Rugby. "This," he said, "is altogether a new sort of claim—that the Opposition of the day are not merely to choose the subject to be debated, but they are to dictate to the Government who is to be their speaker. Presently, I suppose, they won't be satisfied with that; they will not only want to dictate who is to be the speaker, but what is to be the speech. They have repeated their insolence by putting down a fresh motion of censure upon the Prime Minister himself. It was not only an exhibition of bad manners and unparliamentary behaviour, but to my mind this procedure on the part of the Opposition, which was authorised and justified by their leader, is part of a deliberate campaign to blacken the character of the Prime Minister, because they recognise that character is one of the greatest assets of our party.

"They will not succeed," he concluded. "We shall not submit to be dictated to by the Opposition, and their efforts will only redouble our loyalty to our own leader, whom we know to be one of the kindest and most patriotic of men who have ever held that high position." (Cheers.)

The "Times" Comment.

LONDON, December 15th.

The unexpected rejection of the Prayer Book by the Commons is adversely commented upon in the Press. For example the Times declares the rejection must mean chaos and disaster and that the "best thing that can happen is that a future House of Commons will realise that it blundered in haste and reverse at leisure a decision which can help forward neither Protestantism nor peace."

A possible way out of the difficulty is indicated by Sir T. Inskip who suggests that the Church Assembly should pass the whole Prayer Book except the Communion Service. As far as he is concerned, although there was a good deal in the other part that he did not like, he would do all he could to put it through.

Supporters of the measure, however, are very pessimistic and are of opinion that it is unlikely that another effort to produce a revised Prayer Book will be made for a long time.

The predominant feeling is one of sympathy for the octogenarian Archbishop of Canterbury, who, it is understood, intended to retire when the Prayer Book was finally approved, but, with the failure of the measure, he may now consider it his duty to remain at work.

Statement By The Archbishop Of Canterbury.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in a statement pleading for the exercise of patience and charity pending the issue of a statement by himself and the Archbishop of York, after consultation with the bishops for the guidance of the clergy and laity in a time of confusion and anxiety, says that the Archbishops feel assured of prayers on their behalf.

Amended Figures.

The official division list of the Commons shows that 238 members voted against the Prayer Book measure instead of 247. Thus the majority for rejection was 33 and not 42.

WEEK-END SPORT.

WHAT IS ON THE CARD.

THE PROGRAMME.

There is a fair programme of sport to-day and to-morrow, and provided the weather does not change there will be plenty for players and spectators.

The local Cricket and football Leagues have full programmes and are referred to elsewhere. The Cricket League has a bigger list of fixtures than on any previous day this season. The Kowloon C.C. are down for their first match in Division I.

The Tai Koo Club are holding their closing function of their Lawn Bowls season this afternoon, and after the match there will be a distribution of bowls, tennis, and billiard trophies and prizes won during the season.

There is yachting over three days, and reference is made to the programme in another column.

At Fanling the final of the Championship of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will be played to-morrow between R. M. Smith and L. R. Andrews. At Kowloon Golf Club course the first round of the Hong Kong Foursomes will also be played to-morrow.

Fanling Hunt are out to-day at Sheung Shui Police Station, and to-morrow at Lokinchau. Another interesting event to-morrow will be the Military Gymkhana at Kwantia, of which "Rapier" has already made mention this week.

There is also a cricket match to-morrow between the I.R.C. and the Hong Kong Electric Co. R.C., and at the University ground a football match between the University and the Staff of the Government Civil Hospital, which will be refereed by Mr. W. W. Hornell (Vice-Chancellor of the University).

CRICKET.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

The following is the list of matches down for decision to-day:

League: Division I.

Chinese R.C. v. Civil Service C.C. University v. Royal Artillery. Indian R.C. v. Craigengower. Kowloon C.C. v. Indian R.C. "A."

Division II.

Civil Service v. University. H.K. Electric Co. v. Kowloon C.C. Police R.C. v. Royal Navy.

Friendly.

Hong Kong C.C. 2nd v. Recreation. Recreation v. China Light & Power.

To-morrow.

Indian R.C. v. H.E. Electric Co.

I.R.C. "A" v. KOWLOON C.C.

The following will represent the I.R.C. "A" in a League match against the Kowloon C.C. to be played on the K.C.C. ground to-day commencing at 2 p.m. sharp:—

S. H. Ismail, A. H. Madar, S. A. Ismail, F. M. Arculli, O. Ismail, A. R. Minu, S. A. R. Ismail, A. K. Minu, J. S. Acker, J. S. A. Curreen and A. H. Rumjahn (Captain).

I.R.C. v. H.K.E.C.

The Indian R.C. play the Hong Kong Electric to-morrow at 2 p.m. and will be represented by:—A. H. Rumjahn (Captain), Sirdar Khan, M. P. Madar, A. H. Madar, J. S. A. Ismail, S. H. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, O. Ismail, J. S. Acker, F. M. Arculli and A. S. Suffad.

YACHTING.

THE WEEK-END PROGRAMME.

There is full yachting programme for this week-end.

To-day the yachts of the racing classes will be competing for Challenge Cups.

The course is:—Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (S), Lyman Beacon (S), Mark on Club Line (S), Cust Rock Buoy (S). Distance 2.5 miles.

To-morrow (Sunday) the Cruisers sail their 3rd Championship race, the course being to Cheung Chau and back, a distance of 23 miles.

On Monday the Ladies sail their 4th Championship race, the course being Channel Rocks (S), Kowloon Rock (P), Mark on Club Line (S), Cust Rock Buoy (S). Distance 2.5 miles.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

THE GAMES AND PLAYERS.

The following games are down for decision in the Hong Kong League to-day:—

Division I.

Kick-off at 4 p.m.
China Athletic v. R.A.F. Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Barber.

Kowloon F.C. v. Hong Kong F.C. Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Sgt. Hyson.

Club de Recreo v. South China. King's Park ground. Referee: S. Sgt. Gilbert.

R.A. v. K.O.S.B.'s. Sookunpo ground. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

Scots Guards v. Hong Kong Police. Chatham Road ground. Referee: Capt. Austin, M.C. M.M.

Division II. "A."

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.
Kowloon Rgs. v. Club de Recreo. Res. Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: B.Q.M.S. Hutchins.

South China "A" v. H.K.F.C. Res. "South China" ground. Referee: Major Mackie.

University v. K.O.S.B.'s. Res. Sookunpo ground. Referee: Mr. Lonsdale.

China Athletic Res. v. R.A. Res. H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. J. W. Baldwin.

St. Joseph's v. South China "B". St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Sgt. Browne.

Division II. "B."

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.
South China "B" v. Muslim Club. King's Park ground. Referee: Pte. Lamb.

Kung Woo v. Boy Scouts. Yammati ground. Referee: Mr. Samy.

Kick-off at 4 p.m.
South China "A" v. St. Joseph's Res. South China ground. Referee: S. Sgt. Gilmore.

The game between Kowloon "B" and China Athletic in Division II. "B" has been postponed.

SENIOR TEAM PROSPECTS.

The two Senior Civilian teams play their return game on the Kowloon F.C. ground. The first match this season between these teams was played on the H.K.F.C. ground and ended in a win for Kowloon. Since this first game, several changes have taken place in both sides. Northey, the Navy crack goal-getter, is expected to turn out for Kowloon to-day and he is just the man to make Kowloon a dangerous side. However, the Club will have the assistance of Howard, Stewart, McBride and Watson, who probably Taylor on the wing. The game should be well contested and the Club are confident of securing a point.

On the H.K.F.C. ground, China Athletic meet the R.A.F. This game will be a great attraction. Each team had a six-love win last Saturday, the R.A.F. beating the Champions at King's Park, while the Athletic accounted for the Club on the latter's ground. The game should be well contested and with the Athletic team in form they should secure full points.

The Recreation are at home to South China and are expected to win. South China surprised the R.A. last week and beat them out to get the better of the Champions at King's Park. An early goal to South China may settle the game in their favour as their defence is very sound under pressure.

The game at Sookunpo between the two Garrison teams should be keenly contested and on their form of last week, the K.O.S.B.'s should win. The Gunners have a special liking for their games with the K.O.S.B.'s and to-day's game should see a return to form in the Gunners' ranks.

The Scots Guards are out on the Chatham Road ground against the Police. The latter team went down heavily to the K.O.S.B.'s last week, but the margin should have been much less, the Police forwards being slow in front of the goal. The Guards have a well balanced team and are expected to win to-day.

THE JUNIOR.

In the Junior Division II. "A," the leaders are out on the Garrison ground in opposition to the University. The K.O.S.B.'s will win.

On the H.K.F.C. ground, the R.A. meet the Athletic. The Athletic had a struggle to share the points last week with South China "B," while the Gunners beat the University by the old goal in five.

Playing on the H.K.F.C. ground with thousands of supporters, the Athletic play a much better game and should take full points to-day.

Kowloon are at home to the Recreation and a fast game should be seen. The Railwaymen should win by a small margin.

The Club Reserves are due out on the South China ground against the "A" team. The Club should run the "A" team close; a division of points is expected.

St. Joseph's will be at home to the South China "B" on the College ground. St. Joseph's team will be weakened by recent transfers and the "B" team should secure the points.

In Division II. "B," two island teams will journey to King's Park, owing to the absence of available island grounds.

The Muslim Club made a poor show against South China "A" last week and are expected to go down to the "B" at King's Park. Kung Woo and the Boy Scouts meet on the Yammati ground and Kung Woo should win.

St. Joseph's Reserves are out against South China "A" and a very even game should be seen. Should the "A" team produce their form of last week they should secure full points.

China Athletic, the leaders of this division, will not be out, their game with Kowloon "B" having been postponed.

KOWLOON 1st XI. v. HONG KONG F.C.

This League match will be played on the Kowloon ground to-day (Saturday). Kick-off at 4 p.m.

Kowloon 1st XI:—Angus, Wheeler and Doolish; Guest, Sims and Hedley; Pile, May, Northey, Tierman and Miles. Reserve: Vickers.

KOWLOON 2nd XI. v. RECREIO.

This League match will be played on the Kowloon ground to-day (Saturday). Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

Kowloon 2nd XI:—Wood, Bliss and Pacer; Dunnett, Skinner and Blacklock; Reed, Clark, Snary, Muir and Eastman. Reserves: Easterbrook and Nicholls.

MACAO v. RECREIO.

At the request of the Associação Desportiva Macaense, H.E. the Governor of Macao will attend and "kick-off" at 4.15 p.m. on Sunday in a football match between the Macao's best eleven and the Recreation's first team. Part of the proceeds will be given to the well known charitable institution, Santa Casa de Misericordia. A cup will be given by H.E. the Governor to the victorious eleven.

FRIENDLY MATCH TO-MORROW.

UNIVERSITY v. GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL.

Mr. W. W. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University, has kindly consented to referee a football match between the Hong University and the Staff of the Government Civil Hospital to-morrow (Sunday). The match is in aid of the Christmas fund for the patients of the Hospital, and will be played on the University football ground beginning at 4.15 p.m. Admission will be 50 cents.

Additional interest will be added to the match as several players, well known in football circles, a few years ago, will be representing the G.C.H. Dr. Valentine will probably lead the attack against the Hong Kong University.

THE LING NAM UNIVERSITY ATHLETES.

The Ling Nam University sports contingent who have come to Hong Kong from Canton to engage in a series of games with local clubs and schools had a very successful day yesterday when they met and beat the St. Paul's College at lawn tennis, volleyball and basketball.

At lawn tennis, two pairs represented each club and the pairs met one another in sets of 15 games each, the final scores being 38 games to 22 in favour of the visitors.

The details follow:—

Luk Ding Cheong and Lee Tai Hing (St. Paul's) lost to Chan Chi Keung and Wong Kat Cheong 4-11

Wong Kat Cheong and Wong Hai Lou lost to Chan Chi Keung and Wong Kat Cheong 9-6

Lam On Kwok and Ki To Wang (St. Paul's) lost to Lau King and Wong Hai Lou 7-8

Wong Kat Cheong and Wong Hai Lou lost to Chan Chi Keung and Wong Kat Cheong 2-13

Total: St. Paul's, 22; Ling Nam, 38.

They also defeated teams at volleyball by two games and at basketball by 20 to 25.

To-day's Fixtures.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.] The Ling Nam University athletes, from Canton, will spend another day in Hong Kong meeting local teams in various games and sports. There are 25 members of the team.

To-day they will play tennis with St. Stephen's College in the morning and later volleyball with the To Keung Club on the Chinese Y.M.C.A. ground.

In the evening, at the Y.M.C.A., they will play a basketball match with the Ying Wa College.

Yesterday morning the Canton players defeated the Tutorial Institute at volleyball (by two to five) at the Y.M.C.A. ground.

HOME FOOTBALL.

FULL PROGRAMMES TO-DAY.

THE LEAGUE FIXTURES.

With the suspension of the F.A. Cup competition matches until January 14th, the English League programme will be resumed in full to-day, while next week-end, there will be matches over three days, in each Division, namely on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. The fixtures for to-day in all Divisions of the English Football League and the First Division of the Scottish League are as under:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Birmingham v. West Ham U. Blackburn R. v. Sheffield U. Bolton Wanderers v. Aston V. Cardiff City v. Burnley. Everton v. Burnley. Huddersfield T. v. Leicester C. Manchester U. v. Arsenal. Middlesbrough v. Derby C. Newcastle U. v. Portsmouth. Wednesday v. Sunderland. Tottenham H. v. Liverpool.

Division II.

Blackpool v. Barnsley. Bristol City v. Leeds United. Chelsea v. Walsingham W. Clapton Orient v. Port Vale. Grimsby Town v. Swansea T. Notts County v. Hull City. Oldham A. v. Preston N.E. Reading v. Fulham. Southampton v. Manchester C. Stoke City v. Nottingham F. West Brom A. v. S. Shields.

Division III. (Southern).

Brentford v. Charlton A. Bournemouth v. Watford. Brighton v. H. v. Queen's P.R. Crystal P. v. Merthyr Town. Exeter City v. Walsall. Luton T. v. Bristol Rovers. Millwall v. Plymouth A. Northampton v. Newport C. Norwich C. v. Coventry City. Southend U. v. Swindon T. Torquay U. v. Gillingham.

Division III. (Northern).

Barrow v. Wigan Boro. Bradford v. Lincoln City. Chesterfield v. New Brighton. Durham City v. Halifax T. Nelson v. Doncaster Rovers. Rochdale v. Darlington. Rotham U. v. Ashington. Southport v. Crewe A. Stockport C. v. Accrington S. Tranmere R. v. Hartlepool U. Wrexham v. Bradford City.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aberdeen v. Motherwell. Dundee v. Partick Thistle. Dundee v. Queen's Park. Dunfermline A. v. Hibernians. Hamilton A. v. Falkirk. Hearts v. Cowdenbeath. Raith Rovers v. Clyde. Kilmarnock v. Rangers. St. Johnstone v. Airdrieon's. St. Mirren v. Bo'ness. Clyde v. St. Mirren.

ENGLISH CUP RE-PLAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 15th. In the English Cup re-play between Kettering and Charlton, on the ground of the former, Charlton won by two goals to one.

[In the next round, Charlton will be at home to Bury.]

SCHNEIDER CUP.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 15th. Asked in the House of Commons if he was now in a position to state what action was being taken by the Air Ministry to retain the Schneider Cup next year, Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, said that a conference was taking place on the subject this afternoon and he hoped to give an answer in the next few days.

BONES OF PIGMY RACE.

MEN PAINTED RED OR YELLOW.

CAPETOWN.

Further details are available regarding the recent discovery in a cave in the Fish Hoek Mountains, near Capetown, of five skeletons of a race of pigmies which inhabited the Cape Peninsula many hundreds of years ago.

All the skeletons were those of persons under 5ft. in height, and it is surmised that they had haggard faces, peppercorn-coloured hair, and deep, sparkling eyes. The men painted themselves with red or yellow, carried a short bow and poisoned arrows, a knife, a bone borer, and a stone for use as a hammer.

The women decked themselves with beads made from ostrich egg shells.

The skeletons were found under a 3ft. thick layer of sea shells and decayed animal and vegetable matter.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

SUNDAY'S STARTING TIMES AT FANLING.

9.24 a.m. Final round of Championship.
9.25 " H. A. Lammert and D. J. Gilmore.
9.32 " W. A. Weight and H. A. Mills.
9.36 " F. H. Swayne and W. Beveridge.
9.40 " N. M. Currie and J. P. Sherry.
9.44 " C. B. Johnson and A. B. Raworth.
9.48 " G. Murray and K. E. Greig.
9.52 " A. Leach and F. A. Redmond.
9.56 " H. L. Rogers and E. R. Hallifax.
10.00 " B. P. MacMahon and F. G. Fowle.
10.04 " W. A. Butterfield and W. J. Ronalds.
10.08 " C. B. Shank and M. Murray.
10.12 " A. O. Brown and N. K. Littlejohn.
10.16 " E. Stone and G. E. Costello.
10.20 " I. D. Erskine and T. G. Bennett.
10.24 " F. S. Harrison and M. M. Marks.
10.28 " J. B. Lacon and D. McCallum.
10.32 " C. B. Robertson and A. E. Lissaman.
10.36 " R. M. Chaloner and H. Spicer.
10.40 " H. L. Mackenzie and F. D. Wood.
10.44 " M. H. Ivy and A. Somerville.
10.48 " G. H. Wilson and A. K. Henderson.
10.52 " C. B. Brown and S. T. Butler.
10.56 " H. R. Sturt and A. J. Frank.
11.00 " J. Cameron and E. P. Streetfield.

MISS GLEITZE'S LUXURY SWIM.

SUITE IN STEAMER TO TANGIER.

"ROYAL" TOUR.

LONDON, Nov. 16th.

Miss Mercedes Gleitze's attempt to conquer the Gibraltar Straits will be a swim de luxe, the arrangements providing for some of the most luxurious of a prize fight.

She will sail from Southampton at four o'clock on December 2nd as the guest of the Rotterdam Lloyd Mail steamer *Slamat*. A suite and cabin have been specially reserved for her.

The journey to Tangier will take about four days. Here Miss Gleitze will be received as the guest of the Grand Hotel Valentin, where she will stay until the first favourable day for the swim to Gibraltar. This hotel has arranged for a pilot and a pilot-ship. It has also engaged a woman companion and a gymnastic instructor. In addition, a voluntary escort and voluntary doctors will accompany her on the great swim.

A cinematograph operator and the head of a London photographic agency will be with Miss Gleitze, the whole time to make sure that there can be no suspicion of lack of publicity.

Sharks. The one great cause of anxiety is sharks. Miss Gleitze has received many letters from people who know the Straits of Gibraltar, warning her of the danger of sharks. When Miss Gleitze was asked whether these warnings would in any way upset her plans, or whether she thought the escort would be sufficient protection, her face clouded for a moment. Then she shook her head and smiled.

"Sharks certainly will not stop me from making the attempt," she said, "but I know they are a danger. The escort will be the reverse of a protection because the sharks have a habit of following ships."

A tentative inquiry as to what would happen after Gibraltar brought the merry response: "Oh I may try to swim the Hellespont on the way home."

ALL-AMATEUR FILM.

The last performance has just taken place at Ryde, Isle of Wight, of an all-amateur film, "The Island of Romance," written, produced, and directed by Miss Edith A. Full, of Ryde. A cast of 300 people was drawn from all parts of the island, none of whom had ever before been in film work.

Three clergymen and three ex-mayors of the island had roles to play, and the principals were a Cambridge undergraduate, Mr. R. L. Howland, and Miss Audrey Redstone. The main theme was a love story, but historical incidents connected with the island were introduced and enacted on the spots associated with them.

HANKOW GOLF CLUB.

CHINESE POLICE AND THEIR BEHAVIOUR.

CONTRADICTORY STORIES.

STATEMENT OF THE CLUB BOYS.

HANKOW, Dec. 8th.

In connection with the forcible entry to the Hankow Golf Club made on the evening of December 4 by Chinese police of the ex-British Concession, when they severely maltreated the servants and damaged the fittings and the contents of the bar, the stories told by the police on the one side and by the Club staff on the other are of a widely conflicting nature. There were no foreigners on the premises at the time, so that the events leading up to the incident cannot be rightly ascertained.

The police report states that the policeman on duty outside the Club ordered one of the "boys" to close a window (for what reason the report does not state) and that the boy refused to do so. It is stated that the policeman then entered the Club and ordered the "offender" to be apprehended, whereupon the policeman blew his whistle, calling six or eight others to the scene. These entered the Club and together they effected the arrest of three members of the staff.

Club Boys' Report. According to the story of the club boys, the policeman came to the window and demanded cigarettes, which were refused on the grounds that the Club and its contents were foreign property and the stock could not therefore be distributed to applicants at large. The policeman is thereupon alleged to have made several remarks regarding foreigners' running dogs, following on his tirade by entering the Club and proceeding to pummel the boy who had refused to supply him with cigarettes. When the other boys intervened to rescue their fellow, the guardian of the law blew his whistle, other police came on the scene, and a general *mélée* ensued, in which the staff were severely handled, glass doors broken, plaster knocked off the walls, and the contents of the bar thrown around in utter confusion.

Club Boys Frog-Marched. Without questioning the veracity of the police statement with regard to the open window as being the primary cause of the trouble, it is interesting to note that the police deny handling the boys roughly in any way. However, two foreigners, one of whom was Reuter's agent, witnessed the unfortunate three being frog-marched to the station to a continuous accompaniment of thumps and blows from rifle-butts, the while they howled in vain for mercy. They were released some hours later on the signature of some of the foreign members of the Club.

It is understood that the matter will be gone into with the authorities concerned with a view to sifting it to the bottom and ascertaining, if possible, the respective culpability of either party.—*North China Daily News*.

BOARD OF CRICKET CONTROL FOR INDIA.

SIMILAR FUNCTIONS TO ENGLAND'S M.C.C.

BOMBAY, Nov. 23rd.

A well-attended representative meeting of cricketing interests throughout Northern and Central India and the Sind was held in Roshanara Club, Delhi, on Tuesday, to consider a scheme to form a Board of Cricket Control for India.

The Maharaja of Patiala presided. Messages of good wishes from the Viceroy and Governors of Bengal, Bombay, and Madras were read to the meeting.

The Maharaja of Patiala, in the opening meeting, made it clear that the object of the meeting was to bring forward suggestions which could be conveyed to a similar meeting which was to be held at Bombay early next month during the Quadrangular Tournament.

After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

This meeting of representatives of cricket from Sind, Punjab, Patiala, Delhi United Provinces, Rajputana, Alwar, Bhopal, Gwalior, Baroda, Kathiawar, and Central India approve of the formation of a Board of Cricket Control in India for the following purposes:—

(1) To advance and control the game of cricket throughout India.

(2) To arrange and control inter-territorial, foreign and other cricket matches.

(3) To make arrangements incidental to visits of teams to India and to manage and control all India representative teams playing within or outside of India.

(4) If necessary to control and arrange all or any inter-territorial matches.

(5) To settle disputes or differences between associations affiliated to the Board and appeals referred to it by any such association.

(6) To adopt if desirable all rules or amendments passed by the M.C.C.—*Singapore Free Press*.

BRAINY VETERANS OF SOCCER.

THE OFFSIDE RULE.

HOW IT IS CIRCUMVENTED.

More than two years' experience of the change in the offside law has taught everyone in the Soccer world that brain can still triumph over brawn and speed.

When the change was first introduced there was a general impression that it would mean a speedy end to lots of good players who were bordering on the veteran stage, and especially those who were playing at half-back and full-back.

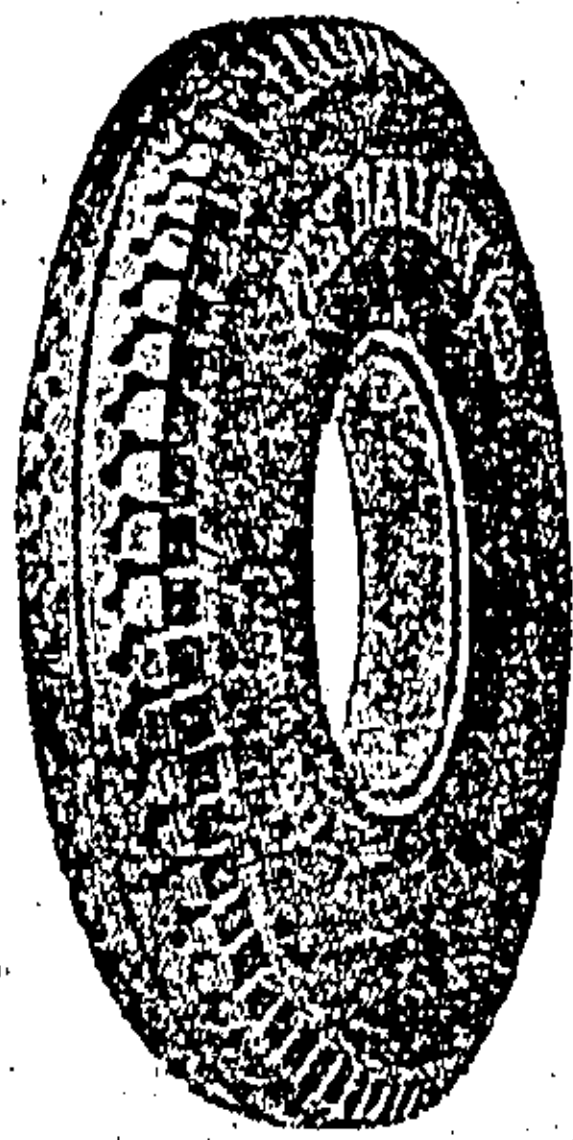
But time has proved that this surmise was far from correct. Those players who make their brains do half the work of their feet seem to be going as strong as ever. In fact, the success that these so-called "veterans" are achieving in the football of to-day, when the conditions are all in favour of young players, should prove beyond any doubt, that brains ought to be the dominant factor in moulding the careers of professional Soccer players.

It is a matter of difficulty to call to mind the name of any really good footballer who has been driven out of the game by the change. Here and there players have dropped down a grade—we have Joe Smith with Stockport County instead of with Bolton Wanderers, and George Key, once of West Ham United, also with Stockport. But these are isolated cases of first-class men who have had to drop back a peg with the march of time rather than because of the alteration in the offside law.

On the other hand, there are many well-seasoned first-class players who are going as strong as ever. These are the players who, people thought, would be compelled to relinquish their activities when the change came about.

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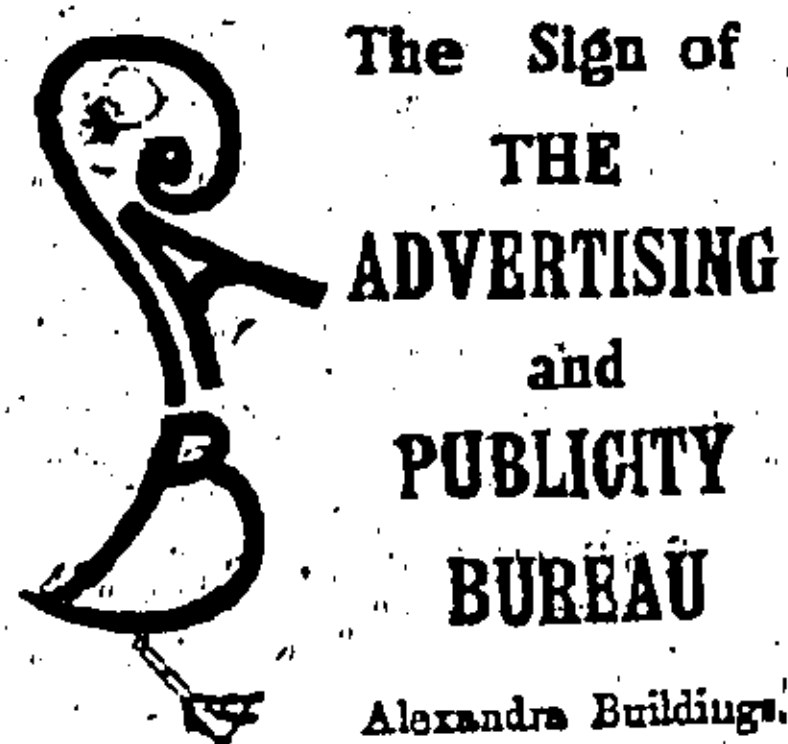
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**ALLEGED THEFT
OF GAS.**

INTERESTING DISCLOSURES.

HOW AND WHY GAS METERS
GO WRONG.

HONG KONG GAS TOO DEAR!

Some interesting disclosures were made at the Central Magistracy yesterday in connection with tampering with gas meters in such a way as to prevent the dial from registering the passage of gas.

These facts were brought out when Alvaro Antonio Remedios was charged on remand, with the theft of gas and also with falsifying accounts. The defendant, it was alleged, had systematically defrauded the Gas Company for three years. He was alleged to have applied for a meter for five lights, the rental of which was 32 cents a month, but in fact he had a meter in his house for ten lights. The defendant, according to the prosecution, being an employee of the Gas Company since 1915 was able to keep up the fraud by preventing meter readers from going to his house to read the dial. His meter according to experts' evidence had not been registering for three years, and when brought before the Court yesterday, it appeared to be in a very dilapidated condition.

Yesterday's proceedings were held before Mr. R. E. Lindsell. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Sr., appeared for the defendant, and Mr. R. A. Wadeson, was for the Company.

**To Prevent Meter From
Registering.**

Mr. James Hunter, Superintendent of the Fitting Department of the Gas Co., gave evidence yesterday to the effect that the meter in the defendant's house had not been registering for the last three years. He also read out from his record of the various fittings supplied to the defendant at various dates, and also of the respective rentals charged. Up to November 3rd, when the defendant was found out, his rental for fittings amounted to \$1.00 a month.

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada, witness said that he could not say whether or not the defendant had any technical knowledge of gas work.

Mr. d'Almada: Do you consider that he ought to know something considering the great length of time he had been with the Company?—I think he ought to know something.

Mr. d'Almada: He would gain this knowledge by seeing meters or otherwise from the reports sent in by consumers from time to time?—Not necessarily. Meters returned in a faulty condition do not come under his department.

Mr. d'Almada: But he would know that a mere attachment of a wire or a rattan to the float would be an effective way to stop the passage of gas from registering?—Yes, that would partly do it.

Mr. d'Almada: And the other way would be by letting out the water?—Yes.

Mr. d'Almada: And so far as this meter is concerned, the complaint is that it has no dial?—Yes.

Mr. d'Almada: I put it to you that many meters had been returned to the Company in very much the same condition?—Very much less damaged.

Mr. d'Almada: I will produce one very much like it.

A Moral Duty.

The meter was then produced and the witness after examining it said that the meter was just as much damaged but only recently. The only difference was that the defendant's meter had been damaged for quite a considerable time.

Mr. d'Almada: If the meter readers had done their duty and informed you of the defective meter in defendant's house, you would have rectified the matter?—That's right.

Mr. d'Almada: In so far as the defendant's meter was concerned his name was entered as a consumer?—Yes.

Mr. d'Almada: Therefore he would be in the same position as an ordinary consumer?—I don't quite see that. I think that being

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"CHIN CHIN."

TOM MANN AGAIN.

WHAT HE SANG IN CHINA.

According to a Daily Sketch writer, Tom Mann, the revolutionary leader, who is now 71, is as fierce as ever, and insists on singing a Chinese revolutionary song:

"Kung len pia
Le'an ba chi li
Chin chin chin
Wang pin geeshin."

And a lot more that looks and sounds much the same.

It is comforting, says the writer of the note, to notice that there is some "chin chin" as well as "ha ha" about it. They taught Tom that song in China, and in return he taught them to sing in English. "O ain't you coming out, my Juliet?" He tells that they thoroughly approved of Shakespeare's act to music. One thing in China Tom Mann found rather embarrassing, although it was intended as a polite attention.

"Wherever I travelled," he said, "they always met me with a hot damp towel with which to wipe my face and hands. They offered it when I addressed a meeting, and often several times during the course of a speech. It was very nice and very fresh, especially on a hot day, and I know they meant well, but all the same, people don't wash their faces every three minutes."

an employee of the Company, he also had a moral duty to perform by reporting to the Company of any defects in his meter.

Mr. d'Almada: Is it the duty of the Company to keep the meter in good condition?—Yes.

Mr. d'Almada: The consumer is not responsible for damage to the meter?—No, except wilful damage.

Mr. d'Almada: Is it not the duty of your meter readers to make a reading once a month?—Yes.

Mr. d'Almada: So that if your meter readers had done their duty, as they ought to have done, your Company would have been informed of this and the damage would have been rectified?—Yes.

Mr. d'Almada: That would be the treatment a consumer would expect from the Company?—Quite.

Mr. d'Almada: But this treatment was not extended to the defendant?—It was not reported to the Company.

Mr. d'Almada: By substituting a ten light meter for a five light one, the Company would have been defrauded of only 16 cents a month in rental?—Yes.

Mr. d'Almada: Do you remember the incident of the French Convent in September of this year in reference to their meter not registering?—Yes.

Mr. d'Almada: That report was given by the defendant, wasn't it?—That was so. When he saw the account from month to month, he observed that there was something wrong with the meter.

Mr. d'Almada: In consequence of that, an amended account was sent which was paid by the Convent?—I cannot tell you that.

Gas Too Dear.

As a matter of principle, Mr. Wadeson pointed out to the Court that the Company have three hundred employees, and that if they swindled the Company of eight cents a month, it would amount to something big particularly if the fraud was over three years.

Mr. d'Almada: Most of the employees use electricity. They say gas is too dear. (Laughter.)

The next witness called was Mr. G. E. F. Thompson, accountant of the Gas Company, who produced several books to show that the rental charged to the defendant had been erased and the figures "30" had been substituted. In two books, he was of the opinion that the altered figures were in defendant's handwriting.

Other witnesses were Mr. A. Abraham and L. M. Xavier. Both testified as to the checking and making out of the bills to consumer. Mr. Xavier and the defendant were engaged in this work every month. One would call out the figures and the other would enter them. The man engaged in checking this account would not know whether he was calling out the figures for his own account as they did not call out the names.

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada, Mr. Abraham, chief clerk of the Company, and has been employed there for 30 years, said that he never had occasion to complain about the defendant's work.

Mr. d'Almada: When the first Seamen Strike was on in 1923 and all employees of the Gas Company, including yourself, Mr. Abraham, refused to work, the defendant and Mr. Xavier were the only two loyal clerks who kept to their jobs. They had to walk from Wanchoi to West Point because there were no trams or rickshaws?—I cannot remember.

The case was then adjourned until Tuesday afternoon.

**BRITAIN'S WOOLLEN TRADE
PROSPERITY.**

THIS YEAR'S INCREASE
IN EXPORTS.

WORKERS BENEFIT.

Prosperity is coming back to the great wool industry of Britain.

There is optimism in every section of the trade in Bradford and the West Riding of Yorkshire, where increasing orders are flowing in steadily, and there is something like a "boom" in the smaller Scottish department of wool.

Export figures are most encouraging, and a striking feature is the steady buying by Germany, Yorkshire's best customer. The following table shows the increase of exports to Germany this year:—

	Value.	10 mths. 1926.	10 mths. 1927.
Class of Goods.	£	£	£
Wool tops	613,142	1,143,417	
Alpaca	529,348	893,076	
Woollen piece goods	680,732	1,430,083	
Worsted	20,535	61,772	

Exports to a number of other countries have also increased, although not quite in the same proportion, and the total increase in all exports of wool and woollens for the past ten months exceeds £3,500,000.

Double Time.

The Scottish wool trade is enjoying a period of brisk prosperity. Reports from Hawick, Peebles, Galashiels, and Selkirk, the wool manufacturing towns north of the Border, all tell the same story: "Excellent export business. Mills working double time." The vogue for sports "pull-overs" and cardigans has made the Scottish mills exceptionally busy.

More than 30 per cent. of this machine-knitted wear is bound for the United States. A Scottish "pull-over" is the only thing that a real American golfer will wear. France, Belgium, Spain, and Germany are all buying Scottish goods.

Wages in Hawick, a busy little town of 15,000 people, are high, and no skilled operatives are out of work. Indeed, men and women have been imported from Yorkshire to recruit the Scottish mills.

A good operative can easily make from 24 10s. to 25 a week, and specially clever workers get as much as 27 for a week's work. The women and girls in the mills at the machines are also well paid, and it is common to find a family in Hawick, with four people at a mill, bringing home £10 on pay day to a little five-roomed cottage.

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Tjialak, Dec. 26th.

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A LIGHTSHIP'S EXPERIENCES.

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The advance of modern invention is responsible for the proposed abolition of the North-West Lightship from her lonely station eight miles west of the Mersey Bar; and a century-old vigil will thus be ended. The North-West Lightship has been served by the master, an engineer, a lamp trimmer and three seamen. Their duties have been to see that the light is burning correctly, make the regulation fog signals when required, enter in their log particulars of all ships passing in and out of Liverpool, watch for vessels in distress, and maintain the position of the lightship. She is to be replaced by a lighted bell beacon 35-feet high with an unattended light of 300 candle-power, having a quick flash every second, visible for eight miles. Thus one of the links with the earlier days of the port will have been severed and ships which pass will miss that humane touch conveyed by the crew of the North-West Lightship.

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board have decided to fit the Bar Lightship with a new invention, the wireless beacon, capable of giving directions to ships over a range of fifty miles and at the same time enable them to abolish the North-West Lightship.

The North-West Lightships have had stirring experiences in peace and war time. During the earlier part of the Great War German submarines used the lightship as a rendezvous, and often at night the crew could make out the U-boats moving about on the surface recharging their batteries. The watch below, too, as they lay in their bunks, would hear the vibrant thud of the engines of the enemy submarines lurking around the lightship waiting for their prey. The crew of the lightship had instructions not to disturb the submarines, as a lightship which had done so on another part of the coast had been promptly torpedoed. The Germans made good use of the lightship as a guide and as long as the lightship did not interfere with them apparently they would not interfere with her. The Admiralty, however, eventually decided that the lightship must be withdrawn, and under cover of a dark misty night and with great secrecy she was taken into Liverpool and only replaced after the Armistice.

The Bar Lightship has had to be renewed on several occasions. On a perfectly fine afternoon in early 1914 she was out merrily in two by the Elder and Effe steamer *Patronus*, but unfortunately all the crew were on deck at the moment of the collision and they escaped in their two lifeboats. The lightship sank and was never raised. During the winter gales when the vessel swings at the turn of tide great care has to be taken not to take a heavy sea on the broadside or the mast might be pulled out, or she might fill. The crew on these trying occasions make skillful use of a try-sail to keep their ship head on. The lightship is moored with 135 fathoms of chain for the N.W. "leg" and 120 fathoms for the S.E. "leg." Her two anchors weigh 3½ tons. In addition to her syren she has a submarine fog bell the sound of which carries under water and can be picked up by ships fitted with a suitable receiving apparatus 12 to 16 miles away.

—Nautical Magazine.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "KALYAN".

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FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, MALTA, PORTSAID, ADEN, COLOMBO, AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at wharves in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out. Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary 6 hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Gossard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 3rd January, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 14th Dec., 1927. [5647]

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 15th December.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 21st December, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 4th January, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

15th December, 1927. [5655]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

THE Motor Ship "KÖNIGSBERG"

having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and Ports. Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognized.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for Counter-signature.

MELOERS & CO., Agents.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN, Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1927. [5657]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Motor Vessel "VOGLAND"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 22nd December, 1927, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 21st December, 1927, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Gossard & Douglas.

All Claims must reach us before 5th January, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

JEBSEN & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1927. [5656]

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Goods not cleared by the 2nd December, 1927, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th December, 1927, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Gossard & Douglas.

Claims against the Steamer must be presented in writing within Ten days after arrival of Steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

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HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"HUPEH"	On 24th Dec.	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LUCHOW"	On 25th Dec.	8 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 26th Dec.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 26th Dec.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SHANTUNG"	On 26th Dec.	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 29th Dec.	8 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 30th Dec.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUICHOW"	On 31st Dec.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING"	On 1st Jan.	7 a.m.
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ARRIVALS.

December 15th.	Arrivals.
Chusan, British str., 1,335 tons, Capt. R. Kettlewell, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B47.—B. & S.	Per s.s. "Hakozaki Maru," from Japan via Shanghai, on December 16th.—Mr. S. Ashina, Mr. H. Boe, Mr. W. G. Cory, Mr. G. S. Cory, Mr. C. Dodd, Mr. J. M. Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Guertin, Mr. C. Horns, Miss K. B. Hall, Mrs. D. Y. Kwan, Mr. W. P. Lee, Mr. T. S. Lee, Mr. T. Moriyama, Mr. W. B. Nolan, Mr. P. E. G. Reader, Mrs. M. P. Reader, Mr. B. Hochiraw, Mr. S. Saitoh, Mr. B. Yoshida, Mr. C. Yukinawa, Mr. C. Bai, Mr. H. Chun, Mr. John, Mr. G. Kyo, Mr. C. T. Len, Mr. I. Len, Mr. R. Len, Mr. Y. Murakoshi, Mr. O. S. Oh, Mr. M. Roh, Mr. C. Rob, Mr. S. Rob, Mr. G. H. Sai, Mr. E. N. Watson, Mr. L. Yang, Mr. N. Yok, Mr. W. B. Colman, Mr. S. R. Challinor, Miss J. S. Challinor, Mr. K. B. Han, Miss C. Han, Miss H. Han, Mr. S. Hanata, Mr. W. H. Havilland, Mrs. Y. Havilland, Mr. J. Hinako, Mr. G. Hiraga, Admiral H. H. Hong, Rear. Mr. S. Inouye, Mr. Inouye, Mr. N. Jikawa, Mr. G. Kashiwa, Mr. K. Kasuga, Mr. T. Kumagai, Minister H. Matsushima, Mrs. S. Matsushima, Mr. N. Nosaka, Mrs. R. Okada, Miss A. Okada, Miss K. Okada, Mr. Y. Suzuki, Mrs. T. Suzuki, Mr. O. Sawasaki, Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, Mrs. T. Yoshioka, Master K. Yoshioka, Mr. S. Shimomura, Mr. S. Tsukamoto, Miss S. Eisa, Mr. N. Guilbert, Mr. T. Kawamoto, Mr. Y. Nakamura, Mrs. S. Nakamura, Master T. Nakamura, Miss S. Nakamura, Mr. J. Phillips, Mr. R. C. Rey, Mrs. O. V. Rey, Mr. W. Ross, Mr. Y. Shirasuna, Mrs. K. Shirasuna, Master S. Shirasuna, Mr. S. Satoh, Mr. K. Shintoh, Mr. K. Shitotsu-boshi, Mr. N. Nakahara, Mr. and Mrs. D. Uguhart, Mr. G. Yamana-aka and Mr. T. Yamazaki.
Nanchow, British str., 1,223 tons, Capt. C. E. Fisher, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17.—B. & S.	
Yanchow, British str., 1,506 tons, Capt. Umpleby, from Newchwang and Amoy, lying at buoy No. C17.—B. & S.	
Raymond, Poincaré, French str., 1,193 tons, Capt. M. Leroy, from Pakhoi, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44.—Yick Cheong Co.	
Tak Hing, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Lo Sau, from Kwong Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf.—Fook Hoi S.S. Co.	
December 16th.	Arrivals.
Aki Maru, Japanese str., 3,069 tons, Capt. T. Tomioka, from Melbourne and Manila. The latter port she left on December 13th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.	
Hai Yang, British str., 1,363 tons, Capt. J. O. Thomson, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C16.—Lee Fat S.S. Co.	
Hakozaki Maru, Japanese str., 6,310 tons, Capt. Toyosaku Sekine, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 13th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1.—N.Y.K.	
Hua Hsin, Chinese str., 856 tons, Capt. H. O. Udden, from Swatow, lying at buoy No. C45.—Tung Wah S.S. Co.	
Tjinalak, Dutch str., 3,413 tons, Capt. P. Abbo, from Batavia and Balikpapan. The latter port she left on December 8th, with sugar, rattan and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A10.—J.O.L.	
Tonkin, French str., 907 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C43.—M.M.	
Trier, German str., 5,401 tons, Capt. Johann Jackens, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 13th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A8.—Melchers & Co.	
Vulcanus, Dutch str., 707 tons, Capt. E. D. de Muinck, from Foochow, lying at North Point.—A.P.C.	

CLEARANCES.

December 16th.	Clearances.
Achilles, for Kobe.	
Aki Maru, for Nagasaki.	
Antenor, for Shanghai.	
Apney, for Bangkok.	
Armanestan, for Singapore.	
Change, for Manila.	
Hai Hong, for Swatow.	
Hakozaki Maru, for Singapore.	
June, for Haiphong.	
Nanchow, for Canton.	
Linan, for Canton.	
Seitan, for Swatow.	
Shing-Ming, for Canton.	
Tak Hing, for Macao.	
Tonkin, for Haiphong.	
Trier, for Manila.	

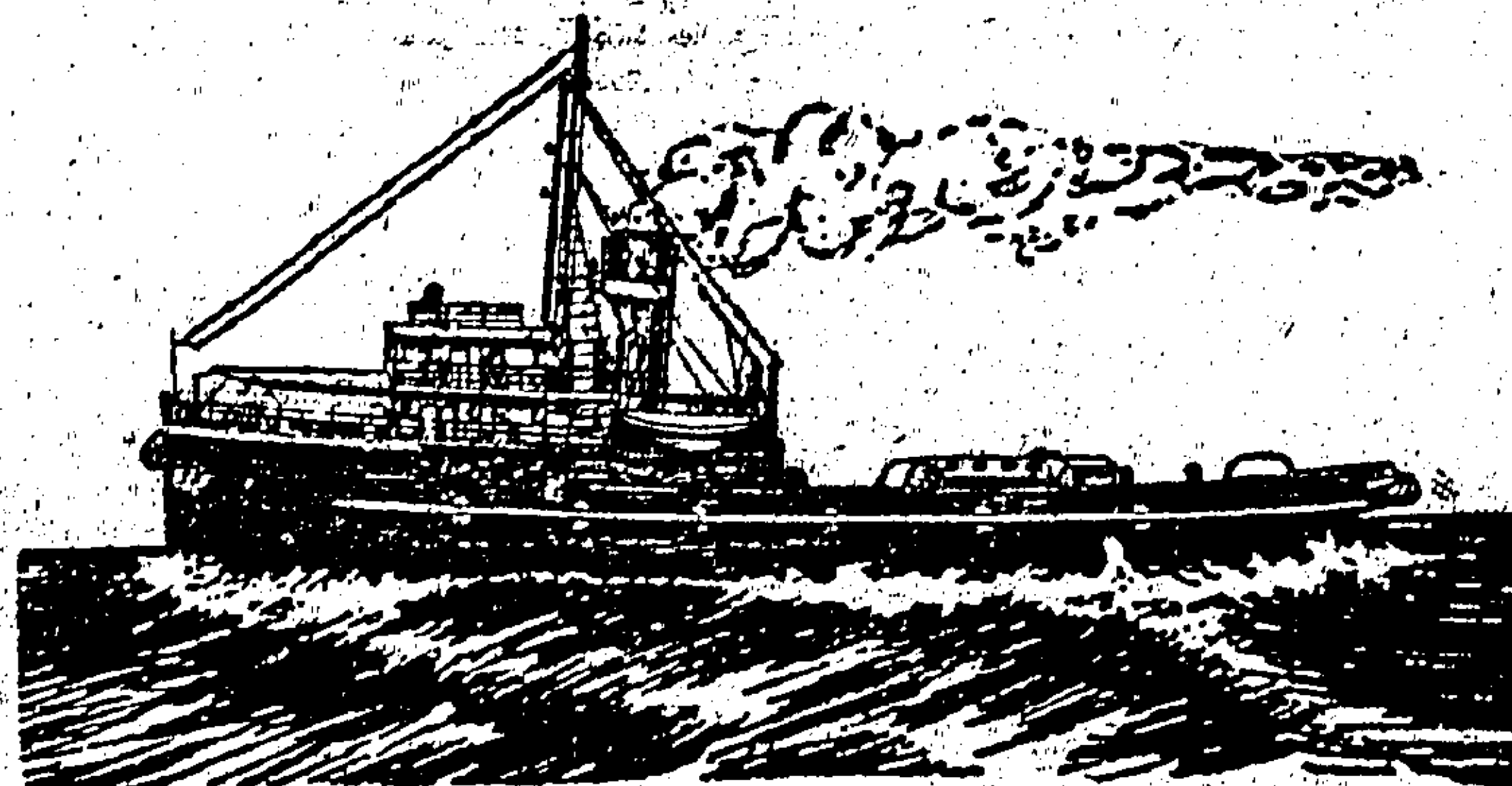
PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.	China Coast Changes.
Per s.s. "Hakozaki Maru," from Japan via Shanghai, on December 16th.—Mr. S. Ashina, Mr. H. Boe, Mr. W. G. Cory, Mr. G. S. Cory, Mr. C. Dodd, Mr. J. M. Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Guertin, Mr. C. Horns, Miss K. B. Hall, Mrs. D. Y. Kwan, Mr. W. P. Lee, Mr. T. S. Lee, Mr. T. Moriyama, Mr. W. B. Nolan, Mr. P. E. G. Reader, Mrs. M. P. Reader, Mr. B. Hochiraw, Mr. S. Saitoh, Mr. B. Yoshida, Mr. C. Yukinawa, Mr. C. Bai, Mr. H. Chun, Mr. John, Mr. G. Kyo, Mr. C. T. Len, Mr. I. Len, Mr. R. Len, Mr. Y. Murakoshi, Mr. O. S. Oh, Mr. M. Roh, Mr. C. Rob, Mr. S. Rob, Mr. G. H. Sai, Mr. E. N. Watson, Mr. L. Yang, Mr. N. Yok, Mr. W. B. Colman, Mr. S. R. Challinor, Miss J. S. Challinor, Mr. K. B. Han, Miss C. Han, Miss H. Han, Mr. S. Hanata, Mr. W. H. Havilland, Mrs. Y. Havilland, Mr. J. Hinako, Mr. G. Hiraga, Admiral H. H. Hong, Rear. Mr. S. Inouye, Mr. Inouye, Mr. N. Jikawa, Mr. G. Kashiwa, Mr. K. Kasuga, Mr. T. Kumagai, Minister H. Matsushima, Mrs. S. Matsushima, Mr. N. Nosaka, Mrs. R. Okada, Miss A. Okada, Miss K. Okada, Mr. Y. Suzuki, Mrs. T. Suzuki, Mr. O. Sawasaki, Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, Mrs. T. Yoshioka, Master K. Yoshioka, Mr. S. Shimomura, Mr. S. Tsukamoto, Miss S. Eisa, Mr. N. Guilbert, Mr. T. Kawamoto, Mr. Y. Nakamura, Mrs. S. Nakamura, Master T. Nakamura, Miss S. Nakamura, Mr. J. Phillips, Mr. R. C. Rey, Mrs. O. V. Rey, Mr. W. Ross, Mr. Y. Shirasuna, Mrs. K. Shirasuna, Master S. Shirasuna, Mr. S. Satoh, Mr. K. Shintoh, Mr. K. Shitotsu-boshi, Mr. N. Nakahara, Mr. and Mrs. D. Uguhart, Mr. G. Yamana-aka and Mr. T. Yamazaki.	ALTERATIONS IN OFFICER PERSONNEL. The following change in officer personnel on the China Coast are notified:— Mr. J. A. Duggan, third engineer Ningpo, has gone third engineer, Newchwang. Mr. J. B. Smith, third engineer, Newchwang, has gone third engineer, Ningpo. Mr. R. L. Ingledew, supply third engineer, Sinking, has gone supply third engineer, Antung. Mr. C. E. Stuart, third engineer, Antung, has gone third engineer, Kiating. Mr. A. W. Norris, third engineer, Kiating, has gone acting second engineer, Kweichow. Mr. W. Niblock, from Home leave, has gone supply chief engineer, Fanning. Mr. G. W. Clark, second engineer, Shengking, has gone acting chief engineer, Tientsin. Mr. A. Jeffrey, third engineer, Suigang, has gone acting second engineer, Shengking. Mr. E. C. Fitzpatrick, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Suigang. Mr. F. J. C. Wilson, third engineer, Tientsin, has gone third engineer, Chekiang. Mr. S. Dum-breck, third engineer, Chekiang, has gone third engineer, Tientsin. Mr. A. B. Bowler, from Home leave, has gone second engineer, Tientsin. Mr. J. H. Cameron, supply chief engineer, Hsin Peking, is on reserve. Mr. J. W. Waterson, third engineer Hsin Peking, is on reserve. Mr. J. W. Waterson, third engineer, Chekiang, is on reserve. Mr. J. Findlater, supply third engineer, Kweichow, has gone third engineer, Kweichow. Mr. F. J. Fowler, third engineer, Kweichow, is on reserve. Mr. J. Turner, supply third engineer, Kweichow, has gone third engineer, Tientsin. Mr. C. J. Grainger, supply third engineer, Kweichow, has gone third engineer, Leecang. Mr. C. Moore, third engineer, Leecang, is on reserve. Mr. A. M. Maloney, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Kweichow. Captain W. E. Syce, of the Shiu-Luen, has gone master, Avatica. Captain A. V. Harcourt, from reserve, has gone master, Shikwang. —Shipping and Engineering.

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TIENTSIN	"CHIPSING"	Fri., 30th Dec., at 5 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"TOKSANG" "ROSANG"	Fri., 30th Dec., at 3 p.m. Wed., 11th Jan., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"SUISANG" "HINANG" "MAUSANG"	Thurs., 22nd Dec., at 3 p.m. Sat., 24th Dec., at 3 p.m. Wed., 4th Jan., at 3 p.m.
CANTON	"HANGSANG"	Tues., 20th Dec., at 3 a.m.
Kobe via AMOI, MOJI & YOKOHAMA	"KUMSANG"	Satur., 24th Dec., at 7 a.m.
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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

SEVENTEEN ARRIVALS.

HEAVY THROUGH CARGOES.

Seventeen steamers arrived at Hong Kong during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. Only eleven had freight for ports beyond. The Colony's imports amounted to 10,174 tons, of which, 2,116 tons only were carried by British vessels. The two best returns were 3,000 tons of coal brought by the s.s. *Kojun Maru* from Dairen and Weihaiwei, and 1,754 tons by the s.s. *Tjitalak* from Batavia and Balikpapan.

Through freights amounted to 25,921 tons. Five British ships contributed 8,153 tons. The two best returns were shown by the s.s. *Konigsberg* (German) from Bremen and Singapore and the s.s. *Antenor* (British) from Glasgow and Singapore. The former carried 6,885 tons and the latter 6,000 tons.

	Arr.	Dep.
British	0	5
French	1	0
German	2	2
Dutch	1	1
Norwegian	1	1
Japanese	2	3
Chinese	4	4
Total	17	16

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 16th.	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 3 p.m.	at 5 a.m.	at 5 p.m.
Barometer	29.94	30.01	30.00
Temperature	74	68	77
Humidity	68	68	77
Wind			
Direction	E	E	E
Force	2	3	3
Weather	0	0	0
Bain	0.0	0.0	0.0
Highest open-air temperature, 16th: 74			
Lowest open-air temperature, 16th: 66			

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Qualls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 17th to 23rd, 1927.

High Water. Low Water.

Days of Week	Date	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Sat.	17	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Mon.	18	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Tues.	19	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Wed.	20	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Thur.	21	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Fri.	22	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Sat.	23	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

LAUNCH AND JUNK COLLIDE.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

A collision occurred on Thursday evening between a steam launch and a junk in Hunghom Bay, as a consequence of which the junk received damage, but not enough to sink her, and no lives were lost. It appears that the steam launch *Otto* left the Government Dredger in the harbour at 6.15 towing a barge, attached to which were five sounding sampans, all bound for Kowloon Bay. About fifteen minutes later, when the launch and its tow were in Hunghom Bay, a junk was seen approaching. The coxswain of the launch sounded one blast on the whistle, as it was dark at the time. He also altered the course of the launch a little to starboard. At the same time the junk altered course to port. When the junk came closer, and was about 80 feet away, three more blasts on the steam whistle were sounded, and the engines were put full astern. The junk altered course again, this time to starboard, and a collision ensued, the junk being struck on the port quarters. As stated little damage was done.

Passenger Rates on West River. Passenger rates are to be increased forty per cent. on the West River boats as from January, this being decided at a meeting of the Chinese shipping owners of the West River boats. It is likely that another meeting will be held soon to consider an increase of freight charges.

Firing on the "Mao Lee." A report has already appeared regarding the firing in the Canton river on the Chinese steamer *Mao Lee* while it was on the way from Hong Kong to Canton. It has now been established that the ship reached Canton safely, and that there were no casualties.

Plenty of Steerage Passengers. The *Haiyang* arrived here yesterday with no fewer than 440 steerage passengers from Swatow and coast ports. Of this number, 243 were through passengers to Singapore.

Chinese Deck Passengers. Chinese deck passengers to the number of 440 arrived in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

Marine Court. The masters of the steam launches *Hing Lee* and *Kwong Chun* were each fined \$10 yesterday morning at the Marine Court by Comdr. G. F. Hole for towing lights in abreast at the Yau-mai Typhoon Shelter.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. *Alma* left Shanghai for this port on the 15th inst. at 12.30 p.m., with the mails, and is due here on the 19th inst. at about 6 a.m.
The Ben Line s.s. *Benrinnes*, from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on Sunday, December 25th.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

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VESSELS IN PORT.

The following were the vessels in port yesterday:—
British: *Antenor*, *Kanchoo*, *Chuan*, *Nan Chang*, *Kwong Chow*, *Kiang Su*, *Sciatan*, *Lai Sang*, *Hin Sang*, *Linan*, *Calidus*, *Telemachus*, *Hakong*, *Kwongchow*, *Kwong Sang*, *Empress of Russia*, *Gorgistan*, *New Mathilde*, *Changte*, *Apoey*, *Wing Hong*, *Haldia*, *Taming*, *Achilles*, *Ling Nam*, *Katgan*, *Shan Si*, *Sui Sang*, *Tecm*, *Tunnan*, *Hop Sang*, *Armanestan*, *Sumatra*, *Taikoo*.
Norwegian: *Hirundo*, *Kronviken*, *Helikon*, *Mondego*.
Panama: *Paucen*.
German: *Trier*.
Japanese: *Hakosaki Maru*, *Kojun Maru*, *Belt Maru*, *Hecan Maru*, *Chinso*, *Hua Hin*, *Tok King*, *Lee On*, *Fuh Tai*, *Tuan Jeng*, *Hong Tai*, *Hoi Cheong*, *Haimun*, *Confucius*, *Deiawongse*, *Shung King*, *Derwent*, *Ban Foo Seng*, *Pod Tye*, *Lee Cheong*, *Gen. H. Hui*, *Gen. H. Kuo*, *Man Sun*.
Dutch: *Tjitalak*, *Juno*, *Vulcanus*, *Hankow*, *Jan*, *Otto*, *Hong Kong*.
Portuguese: *Kong On*, *King On*.
French: *Bourbon*, *Raymond Poincare*.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1927.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
December 17th	h. m.	h. m.
" 18th	h. m.	h. m.
" 19th	h. m.	h. m.
" 20th	h. m.	h. m.
" 21st	h. m.	h. m.
" 22nd	h. m.	h. m.
" 23rd	h. m.	h. m.
" 24th	h. m.	h. m.
" 25th	h. m.	h. m.
" 26th	h. m.	h. m.
" 27th	h. m.	h. m.
" 28th	h. m.	h. m.
" 29th	h. m.	h. m.
" 30th	h. m.	h. m.
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"MOREA"	10,953	7th Jan., 1928	Marseilles and London
"KALIAN"	8,144	7th Jan.	Straits and Bombay
"DEVANHA"	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull
"MALWA"	16,986	4th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"KHYBER"	8,144	18th Feb.	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull
"NELLORE"	8,553	25th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	3rd Mar.	do.
"KALIAN"	8,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,988	17th Mar.	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull
"KARNATA"	8,928	24th Mar.	Marseilles and London
"KALIAN"	10,946	31st Mar.	do.
"KALIAN"	8,144	7th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	14th April	Marseilles and London
"MOREA"	10,953	21st April	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,008	12th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,988	24th May	Marseilles and London
"DEVANHA"	8,155	31st May	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd June	do.

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